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CANTON MILITARY SITUATION.

RETURN OF LI CHAI-SUM EXPECTED.

"IRONSIDES" AT A NUMERICAL DISADVANTAGE.

LITTLE FIGHTING FEARED.

Now that the city of Canton has quietened down, more attention is being given to the possibility of the City being re-taken by the forces of General Li Chai-sum which were dispossessed by the forces of General Chang Fat-kwai some time ago.

There is every indication that Li Chai-sum's forces, which are numerically superior to those of the "Iron-sides," will again be in control of the city, and in the opinion of well-informed Chinese circles it is not thought that there will be any serious fighting, inasmuch as the "Iron-sides" know that they are almost sure to be beaten.

Regarding the attitude of General Li Fuk-lum and General Hsieh Yo, the two military commanders now in charge at Canton, it is said that they are "neutral" as between the Iron-sides and General Li Chai-sum's forces and that they are prepared loyally to co-operate with whomever gains control.

Canton merchants in Shanghai have sent a telegram to General Li Fuk-lum asking him to take drastic action against certain well-known "Red" leaders.

LI FUK-LUM REMAINS "NEUTRAL."

The latest political and military developments in Canton and on the three principal rivers of the Kwangtung tend to show that the present "Leftist" Government in Canton has indicated its willingness to join hands with the Kuomintang "Rightists," headed by General Li Chai-sum, whose deputy (General Wang Shao-hung) was deposed by the "Iron-sides" a few weeks ago.

That there will, in consequence, be no more fighting on a big scale in Canton and vicinity, is the popular report of the vernacular papers. Though some "Reds" are said to be still at large inside the city, it is very unlikely that they will dare to make another attempt. With no one to direct and lead them, the "Reds" will be able to do but little.

On the other hand, the "Iron-sides," after the recent insurrection, have lost their reputation among the people. Most of the "Iron-sides" leaders have left Canton, which tend to show that they have no intention of fighting the Kwangsi troops of Li Chai-sum on the West and East Rivers. These Kwangsi armies are indisputably the largest in the province, there being thousands of men at Wuchow, on the West River and almost an equal force at Swatow.

The Two "Neutrals."

In our report of yesterday it was predicted that General Li Fuk-lum and General Hsieh Yo, the two military leaders whose troops are ruling Honan and Canton respectively, are neutrals who would be willing to join any one whose army would be strong enough to make its way back to Canton. The above statement has been confirmed by the arrival of news from Canton last night which declared that both Generals Hsieh Yo and Li Fuk-lum have officially announced their intention of supporting General Li Chai-sum, despite the fact that they were the very men who were responsible for driving away General Wang Shao-hung some few weeks ago.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

General Leaves for Hankow.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

The report that armies supporting General Li Chai-sum will soon re-take Canton from the "Iron-sides" has been confirmed by the report of the Chinese native troops on the West and East Rivers.

On the East River the joint army of Generals Chan Chui-tong and Chien Tu-chun is reported to be hurrying down from the upper districts of the river. The 20th Division and the newly-recruited 1st Division of Gen. Chien will take

Walchowfu, which is an important and strategic point on the East River. The 20th Division of Gen. Chien will capture Hailung and Commission, but as far as can

Lukfung, the two cities on the East are to be ascertained, it has not been

River, which have been run by accepted. So far, at any rate, no "Red" ruffianism. In co-operating successor has been appointed. In

with Gen. Chan Chui-tong will be

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"IRENE" PIRATES EXECUTED.

FOUR MEN HANGED THIS MORNING.

THREE MORE TO-MORROW.

FOUR OF THE SEVEN BIAS BAY PIRATES WHO WERE CONDEMNED TO DEATH AT LAST MONTH'S CRIMINAL SESSIONS FOR PIRACY ON THE CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S S.S. IRENE, WHILE ON A VOYAGE BETWEEN SHANGHAI AND AMOY, HAVE PAID THE EXTREME PENALTY FOR THEIR CRIME.

At dawn this morning, the first

two of the condemned men, Lau Ting and Lai Kwong, were taken out of the cell which they jointly occupied in Victoria Gaol, and, in the presence of the Prison officials, they were simultaneously hanged on the same platform.

Half-an-hour later, at 5 o'clock, the second batch, comprising the other two of the four men to be put to death in one morning, were also hurried to the execution yard, from a second cell, and sentence of death was carried out. The names of these two were Wong Tim and Hung Kwan.

The usual enquiry, held as a matter of formality in connexion with executions, took place before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate this afternoon.

The executions were carried out

without a hitch, Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of the Gaol, stated to a *Telegraph* reporter.

The seven pirates, including

the four who have just been

executed, were kept in different

cells set aside for condemned men.

Two men were lodged in each cell,

being under constant guard day

and night. There had been no

extraordinary measures other than

the very careful guard maintained

over the men in such circum-

stances.

Religious needs were placed

within the reach of the condemned

men, the chaplain being allowed

access to the cells if the prisoners

so desired it. The four men

executed this morning went to the

seafold quite quietly.

It is learned that the remaining

three pirates will be executed at

about the same time to-morrow

morning.

A short resume of the case is

interesting at this concluding

stage in its history. On October

18th, the China Merchants

steamer Irene, while proceeding to

Amoy from Shanghai, was captured

by pirates, who had boarded

her as passengers, and taken to

Bias Bay. Here the pirates en-

countered H. M. submarine L4,

which opened fire. One of the

shells exploded in the engine room

and set the Irene on fire. Pas-

sengers as well as pirates then

jumped overboard, and from

the University Recreational

Ground, the latter beds discharg-

ing into the Kennedy Town tank.

Pumping Station.

A Pumping Station will be re-

quired at Sandy Bay to deal with

the lower reservoir water and a

portion of the higher reservoir,

but the larger portion of the water

can be delivered by gravity.

Small alterations will be neces-

sary at Pokfulam Reservoir which

will be linked up to the main sup-

ply pipe by a subsidiary pipe, al-

lowing a larger draw-off if need

is present possible.

The scheme gives a very flexible

system which will prove a great

relief to the Western districts of

the City which at present are the

first to be restricted and, if need

be, water can be passed as fast East

as Albany by means of the existing

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Mains, the flow in the pipe being

reversed.

WATER SUPPLY.

THE NEW ABERDEEN SCHEME.

COST OVER \$2,600,000.

The Government has, to-day, is-

sued as a Sessional Paper, a re-

port by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jack-

man, the Director of Public Works,

on the scheme for developing the

Aberdeen Valley catchment area,

and the construction of a new re-

servoir there in connexion with

the improvement of the Colony's

Water supply.

The report states:

In August 1926 Mr. R. M. Hen-

derson, Engineer-in-charge of

Water-works, submitted a complete

report with plans and estimates

for two alternative schemes for

the partial and complete develop-

ment of the Aberdeen Valley re-

servoir.

After further consideration it

was decided that the proposal for

this complete development of the

catchment area, would prove the

more satisfactory scheme and ex-

tracts from the report are annexed.

The scheme consists of the de-

velopment of the whole of the

Aberdeen Valley and the catch-

watering of the areas to the East

as far as Wongneichong Gap and

to the West as far as Mt. Kellel

Bay.

New Reservoir.

It will be necessary to construct

a reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley

immediately above the existing re-

servoir, and the existing Paper

Mills Dam will require reconstruc-

tion to meet the new conditions.

Pipe lines will be necessary

from both reservoirs to Aberdeen

where they will join and a com-

mon pipe will run from there to

Elliot Filter Beds by way of Is-

land Road, Victoria Road, and Pok-

fulam Road.

To deal with the increased sup-

ply, Elliot Filter Beds will require

to be extended and new beds will

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THE MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

INTERESTING POINT RAISED.

The case was continued yesterday at the Criminal Sessions in which the Chief Justice had before him a Chinese charged with manslaughter of a coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Company, who was taken out of the Harbour on November 16th, it being alleged that he was pushed in by three men who attacked him.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy conducted the case for the Crown and Mr. F. C. Jenkins instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

No Caution.

An interpreter said that he interpreted questions and answers between the prisoner and Detective Inspector Lane. The prisoner was not cautioned by him (witness), his replies were not read out to him and he was not invited to sign them.

Relying to Mr. Jenkins witness said the prisoner was interrogated after two witnesses had been questioned.

Detective Inspector Lane said that he was called to the charge room at two o'clock on the morning of November 16th where he saw the prisoner with other men. When being questioned the prisoner was taken out of the dock. He did not receive any information whatever from witnesses. All the information he received at the time was from the Inspector on duty, who had received information from witnesses. Witness said he had not questioned anyone before he asked the prisoner questions.

Witness said in reply to Mr. Fitzroy that he did not offer any inducement to the prisoner or give him any fear of prejudice or hold out any advantage to him when taking down his replies to the questions.

Answering Mr. Jenkins witness agreed that one of the questions he put to the prisoner was "What's all this about?"

Witness then left the box.

Mr. Jenkins submitted that the admission of the prisoner's replies to the questions as evidence was contrary to the established rules, which, although they did not have the force of law, were regarded as sound principals governing the admission or rejection of such evidence. They were first promulgated in 1912.

Recognised Rules.

The third rule he said states "Persons in custody should not be questioned without the usual caution being first administered." The ninth rule states "Any statement made in accordance with the above rules should, whenever possible, be taken down in writing and signed by the person making it, after it has been read to him and he has been invited to make any corrections he may wish."

Mr. Jenkins continuing said that strong grounds must be shown by the prosecution for admitting a statement which ran counter to the spirit of the rules. He went on to quote authorities bearing out the consideration that was given to them by other eminent judges.

His Lordship remarked that if he was satisfied with the *bona fides* of the witnesses the rules would not affect his mind very seriously, but he agreed that their observance was the better course to follow. A man should be put on the alert as to what was being done to him. He should not be trapped or inveigled. Rule nine was more or less a matter of procedure which was very admirable, but it did not, to his mind, occupy the important position of rule three.

Mr. Jenkins respectfully agreed. He continued that he was not making an attack of any shape or form on Inspector Lane. He was a busy man with a great deal of crime to investigate. He was called into the charge room at two o'clock in the morning, but he did not, in fact, caution the prisoner. "I put it to you that you will exercise your discretion in favour of this man, in that it would have been fair, leaving out the caution, if Inspector Lane had at least im-

parted to the man some idea of the matter on which he was going to be interrogated."

His Lordship said that none of the rules said that.

Mr. Jenkins agreed.

Is it Unfair?

His Lordship asked, apart from the question of a caution, was there anything inherently unfair for a police officer to say to a man who had been arrested "What's all this about?" Was there anything unfair in that particular form?

Mr. Jenkins replied that a man might be arrested as a suspected snatcher, knowing at the same time that he had committed a most grievous offence. In answer to a question like that he might admit he had committed murder.

His Lordship: You don't mean to say that a trap was laid? It might cause a misunderstanding and might draw a fatal answer from the accused?—Yes.

His Lordship remarked that surely it was not the duty of the police to tell the prisoner what they knew.

Mr. Jenkins replied that he did not think it was part of their duty.

His Lordship: If he is cautioned surely there would be no reason for the police to keep the prisoner in possession of what they know?—I cannot say that it has been laid down as a hard and fast rule because the point has never been raised as far as I know. It seems to me it would be fair to the man to give him some indication of the matter on which he is to be interrogated.

His Lordship asked Mr. Jenkins whether he referred to a charge, but not information.

Mr. Jenkins agreed. He added that the questions were of a very general nature and the man might have said anything.

Wrong Procedure.

Mr. Fitzroy urged that the statement should be put in evidence, saying that it would not do to put a man in the dock and charge him straight away when he might have a perfectly simple explanation to give.

His Lordship remarked that the serious question arose as to whether the statement was voluntary under the circumstances.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that a voluntary statement meant that it was made without fear of prejudice or of advantage exercised or held out by a person in authority. Unless those facts were present there was no reason why the statement should not be accepted. If a judge considered that anything unfair had been done to the prisoner, then he might exercise his power and rule it out.

His Lordship remarked that what he wanted to know was why he should depart from rule three in the present case? The statement had been taken under circumstances offending against the rule. "I have a sense of caution, and why should I depart from these rules laid down by very eminent legal personalities, when one of these rules absolutely governs this case."

Mr. Fitzroy replied that it was a voluntary statement. The rules, he said, were not law, and did not absolutely bar the statement.

In summarising the question his Lordship said it was quite clear that the answers to the questions were left to the discretion of the judge. The authorities were by no means clear. They seemed to have different trends of decision according to the particular judges who had given decisions. They were, as far as he could see, more or less a clearly recognised procedure.

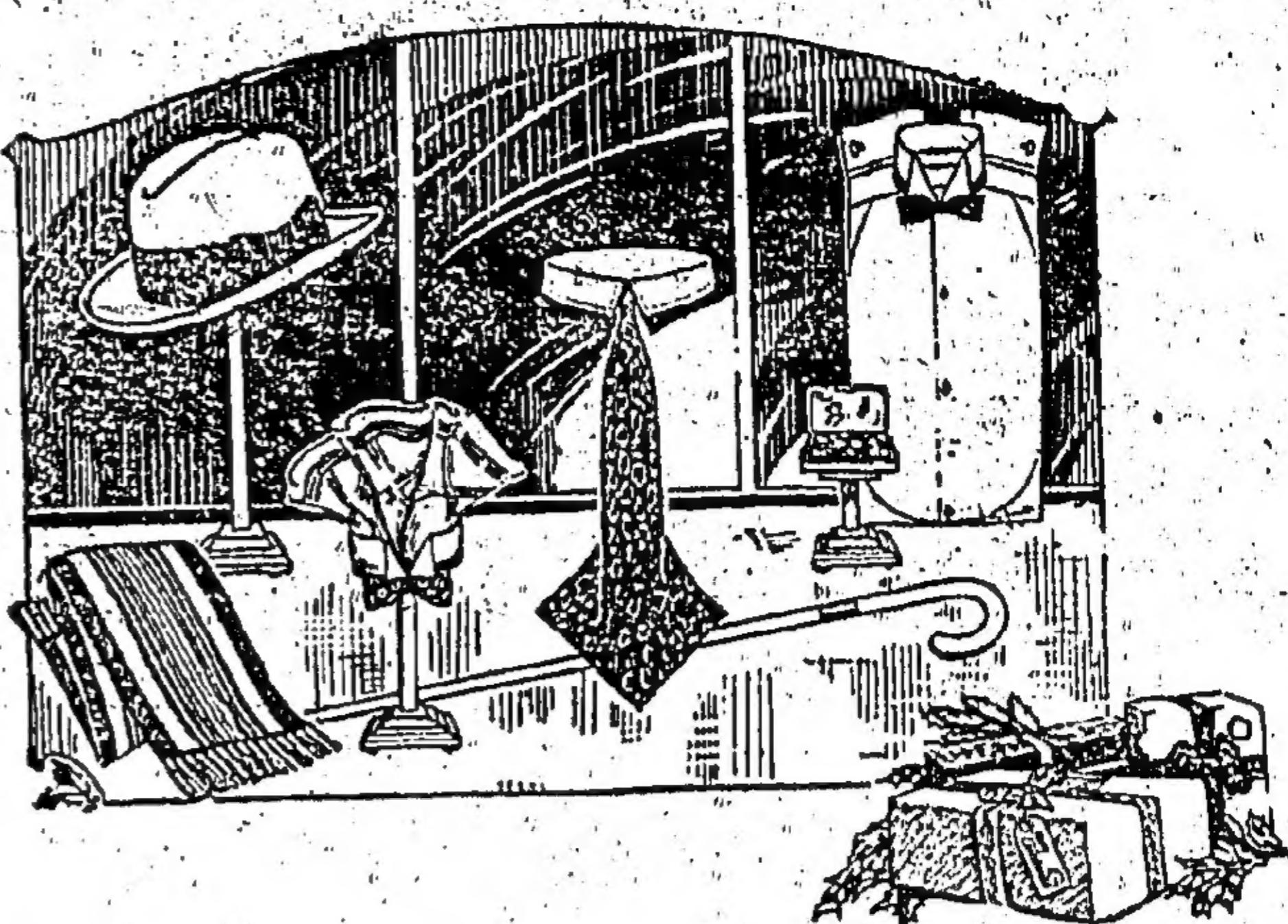
Judges' Opinions.

Certain rules, he continued, had been agreed upon by the judges in England as to the proper course to follow where a person is to be questioned. It was true that the rules did not carry the force of law. As he had said to Mr. Fitzroy he had a sense of caution and realised that the rules were laid down by very eminent persons, whose opinions he was bound to consider with the greatest possible respect.

The rules were perfectly easy to follow. In the particular case

if Inspector Lane had at least im-

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Continuing his Lordship said he had asked Mr. Fitzroy to give any reason why he should not have rule No. three was inapplicable. He had replied that there was no reason except that he (his Lordship) could exercise his power of discretion to admit the statement under the circumstances.

Other circumstances might arise under which it would be impossible to follow the rules, but where they were perfectly easy to follow, he proposed, so long as he was sitting in the court, to insist that they be closely applied. He would reject the evidence.

Justice Better Served.

Detective Inspector Lane was then re-called into the witness box. Addressing witness his Lordship said "I hope you will bring these rules to the attention of your superiors. It is a pressing need that instructions should be given to police officers and strictly abided by. You will find that they are easily carried out and will be a great advantage if they are carried out. I don't for one moment assert that you did anything improper or unfair. I think that justice would be even better served by following the procedure laid down by eminent authorities in strictly enforcing these rules."

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Group taken after the wedding recently of Mr. Jesse Sommers and Miss Dora Ullstein. The wedding was celebrated at the American Consulate-General, Shanghai. Mr. Sommers is known as the "saxophone king" of the Majestic Orchestra. Its genial conductor, Mr. Whitey Smith, is seen on the left of the picture.



Group photograph taken on board the N. Y. K. European Mail Liner Fushimi Maru, of Sir Cecil Clementi, Lady Clementi and their children, prior to the vessel sailing from Shanghai for Hongkong. Mr. Funatsu, former Consul General in Hongkong, Mrs. T. Saito, Shanghai manager of the N. Y. K. and the Captain of the steamer are also seen in the picture.



The bridal group outside Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, after the wedding of Mr. George Donald Grant and Miss Lily Guthrie Marshall. The bridesmaids are Miss Olive McKay, and Mrs. G. W. Cockburn and the matron of honour, Mrs. C. A. H. Chambers. Miss Marion Henderson was the flower girl. The best man was Com. P. H. Rolfe, R. N. B. The bride was given away by Mr. C. A. H. Chambers.



Members of the Shanghai Yacht Club met recently for their annual dinner at the Shanghai Club, after which prizes for the past season were presented to the winner. Mr. E. T. Byrne, Commodore of the Club, presided.



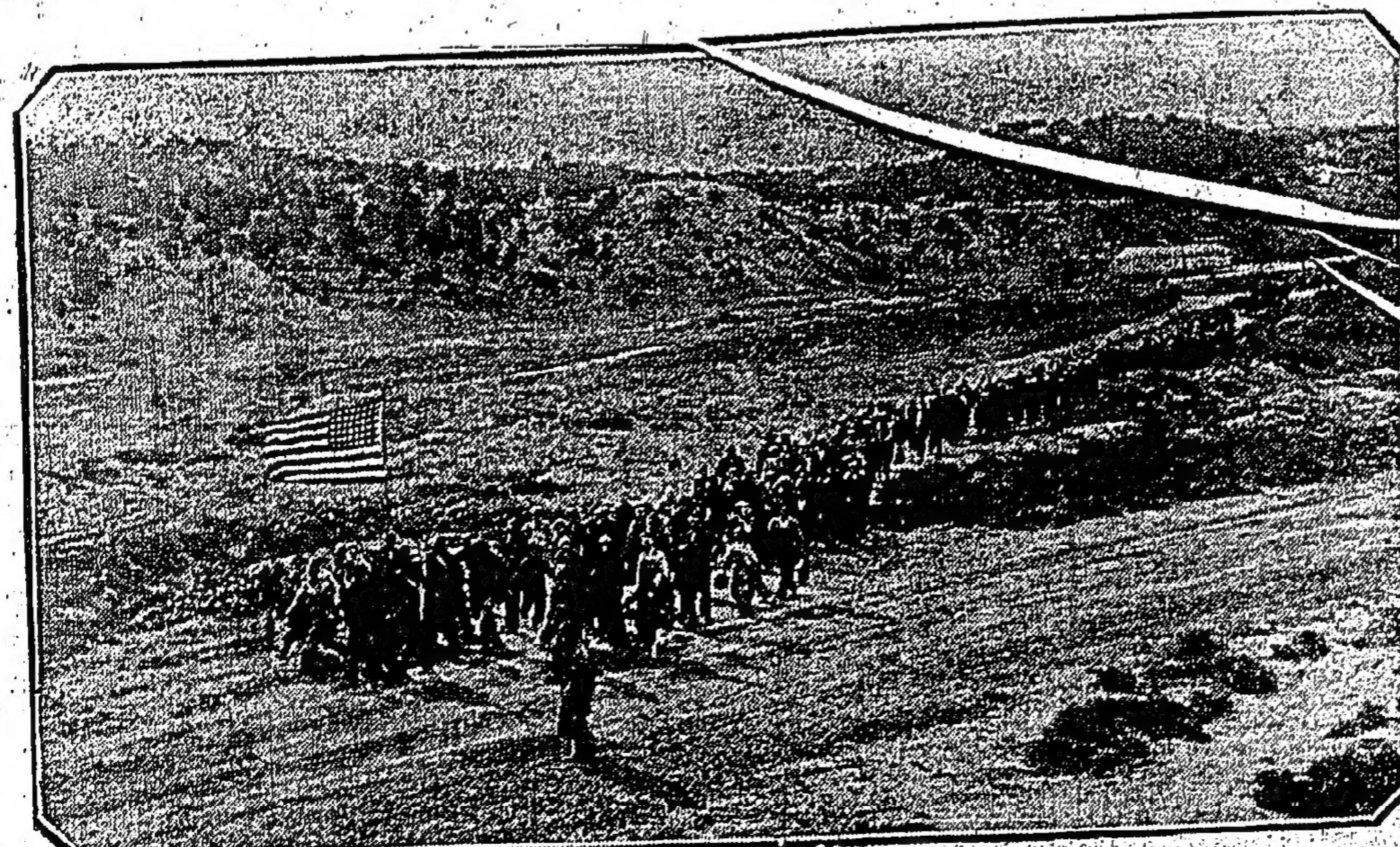
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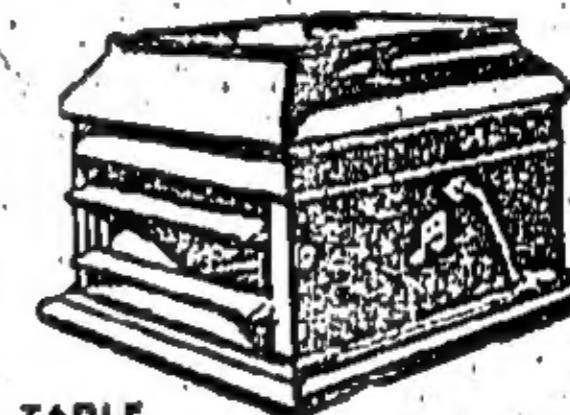
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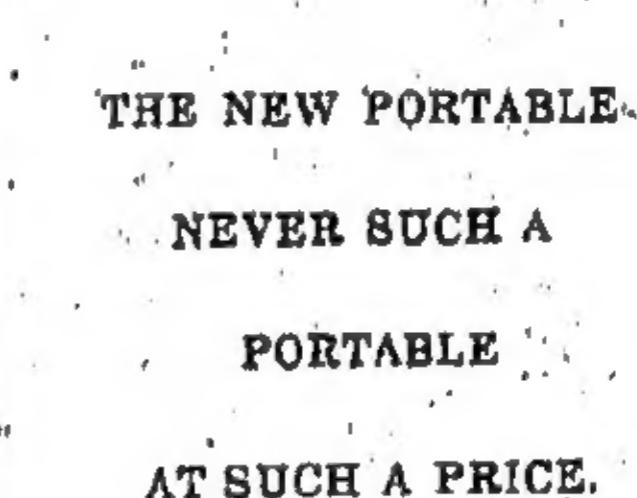
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THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

The Ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 22nd Day of December, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

SHEWAN, TOMEK & CO., General Managers, Hong Kong, 5th Dec. 1927.

NOTICE.

We have removed our Offices to the New P. & O. Building, (4th floor) from 19th of December, 1927.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO. Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Offices of the Douglas Steamship Company have been removed to the New P. & O. Building, (4th floor) from Monday, 19th of December, 1927.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers,

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

NOTICE.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

SPECIAL AND FAMILY MONTHLY TICKETS.

Holders of the above-mentioned tickets are hereby informed that effective January 1st, 1928, such tickets will not be available.

SPECIAL tickets are those which have hitherto been sold at less than the charge of \$5.00 each.

By Order

of the Board of Directors.

LAM MING FAN, Secretary, Hongkong, Dec. 20th, 1927.

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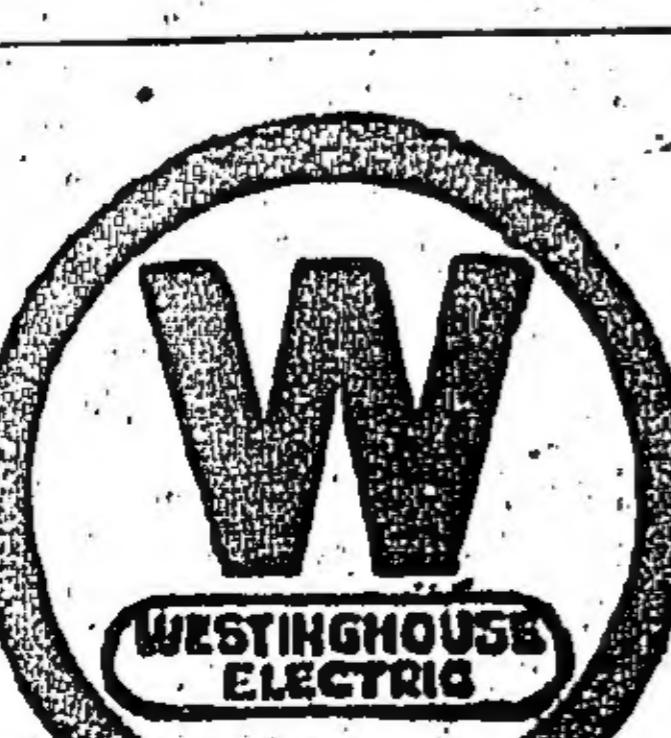
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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the 30th December, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th Jan., 1928, or they will not be reckoned.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,

Hongkong, December 21, 1927.

NEXT CHANGE

of the Board of Directors.

LAM MING FAN, Secretary, Hongkong, Dec. 20th, 1927.

STEEPLECHASES.

Saturday, 24th December, at 3.15.

Admission to Public Enclosure \$1.00. Ladies Free.

Admission to Subscribers Enclosure on production of badge only.

Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free, and Two Non-members at \$5.00 each.

Cars parked on the Racecourse \$5.00 each.

Tickets obtainable from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Building.

SPECIAL TRAINS.—Return Fare 1st Class \$1.50, 2nd Class 90 cents. Leave Kowloon 2.00 p.m.

SPECIAL EXPRESS return 5.41 p.m.

Which allows plenty of time to prepare for the Xmas Eve Festivities.

London, Dec. 3.

The new Ford car was exhibited in London yesterday. Experts describe it as orthodox.

There are no surprises, but the

equipment is more ample and the

rating of the engine is reduced to 14.9 h.p.

Prices in England are from £145 to £215.

Long queues formed at night

time outside the Ford showrooms

in New York, the windows of

which were white-frosted to pre-

vent "premature peeping."

Police reserves were called out to handle

the crowds.

The bundle of notes amounted to £50.

Kuomintang severed their con-

nexion with them. How is that

they have been in a position to

create trouble at Canton?

(2) After the arrival of the

Communist Army under Yeh and

Wu, the people realized that the

Communists desired to make use

NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MUCH PLEASURE AT THE APPOINTMENT.

WASHINGTON COMMENT.

Washington, Dec. 13.

Secretary of War Davis said that he had recommended the appointment of Col. Henry L. Stimson as Governor-General of the Philippines and expressed great pleasure that the President had seen fit to select him.

Other war department officials predicted that the nomination will be generally welcomed by the people of the Philippines. They declared that the primary task awaiting Col. Stimson is the same as that which confronted General Wood—that of finding a way to induce capital to invest under proper safeguards, in the islands, so that the Philippines may realize their commercial and economic possibilities.

The means to this end, Secretary Davis pointed out in his annual report, involves the amendment of the land laws so that the development of public lands may proceed on such a basis as to attract investors.

Col. Stimson already has started making inquiries in army and other governmental circles in search of men to compose his staff. The names of those he contemplates have not been made public.

Press Praise.

Washington, Dec. 13.

The *Washington Post* editorially praised Colonel Henry L. Stimson, named governor-general of the Philippines, here to-day.

"Colonel Stimson," says the Post, "is the most competent successor for General Wood. He is specially qualified for the task. His appointment sets at rest any possibility of a change in policy in the Philippines. Evidently there will be no change. General Wood's work will not be destroyed and disturbing rumours to the contrary are eliminated."

"The schemes of Filipino politicians are frustrated."

New York Views.

New York, Dec. 13.

Col. Henry L. Stimson's appointment as governor-general of the Philippines was heartily endorsed and President Coolidge was congratulated for his selection in the editorials of his morning's papers.

"President Coolidge," the *New York Times* said, "kept his promise to select for that important post a man of nation wide reputation and proved executive ability." The appointment is an indication of the deep interest which the administration takes in the Philippines.

In undertaking this difficult but patriotic duty, Col. Stimson is making a personal sacrifice akin to that which his friend, the late General Wood, made to be governor-general of the Philippines, a thankless job. Col. Stimson deserves the thanks of his country for being willing to take up the white man's burden in America's islands in the Pacific."

The *Tribune*, in an editorial captioned "Splendid Appointment," said, "The nomination of Col. Stimson is an emphatic assurance that the American policy in the archipelago will not deviate from the present course. He will continue along the lines of General Wood's persistent and heroic effort to re-establish the invaded authority of the United States and to protect the Filipino masses against selfish exploitation by independent politicians. Stimson did not seek the governor-generalship. He was reluctant to accept and accepted only through a high sense of duty. The country will profit greatly and its gratitude to him will be heightened by a knowledge that the president could have found no better man for this exacting and immensely important place."

FOOTBALL.

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LOCAL CRICKET.

PONSONBY-FANE'S XII v. B. P. NG'S XII.

In a friendly game played on the University Cricket ground, yesterday afternoon, between Dr. Ponsonby-Fane's XII and Mr. B. P. Ng's XII, the former team defeated the latter by 6 wickets and 11 runs.

During the tea interval a presentation was made to Dr. R. A. Ponsonby-Fane and to Mr. B. P. Ng, who are both leaving the Colony.

The presentation took the form of an autographed cricket bat and six Jade buttons to Dr. Ponsonby-Fane, and a bat and University crest to Mr. B. P. Ng, on behalf of the past and present members of the University Cricket Club, both presentations being made by Dr. M. B. Osman, chairman of Cricket Club Committee.

Bowler and Batsman.

In handing the momentous to the respective captains, Dr. Osman referring to Dr. Ponsonby-Fane, said that he first commanded to play for the University twelve years ago. He was a man who had often saved his side from defeat. On one occasion, the speaker recalled, Dr. Ponsonby-Fane batted nobly against a team from the Indian Recreation Club for several hours scoring 23 not out and enabling the University to win. On another occasion he showed his ability as a bowler when, playing against the Easama Club, he took four wickets in 14 runs, and in another game skinned a Craigengower Club eleven out with his almost unplayable lobs.

When he came to the Colony the question of cricket grounds engaged his attention. In spite of the awkward features of the land he weeded out thistles and thorns, planting in their stead flowers and grass, where they would grow. The result was the present University cricket team and the enthusiasm for the fine old game.

Speaking with regard to Mr. Ng, Dr. Osman said he had put in much work for the benefit of the University Cricket Club during the two years when he was secretary, from 1924 to 1926. He had rendered valuable service both on and off the field, and had been President of the University Union in the year 1926.

Both Dr. Ponsonby-Fane and Mr. Ng briefly replied, thanking the donors for their gifts.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Hornell was also present.

Scores:

B. P. Ng's XII.	31		
S. V. Gittings, b. Hiptoola	31		
E. A. Lee, b. C. W. Lam	0		
S. Kermani, b. b. C. W. Lam	0		
J. Barrow, b. C. W. Lam	43		
B. P. Ng, b. b. C. W. Lam	62		
M. B. Osman, b. C. W. Lam	10		
A. P. Gutierrez, b. C. W. Lam	10		
D. N. Sudan, st. Ponsonby-Fane	6		
b. A. Rumjahn	6		
Y. C. Teh, b. C. W. Lam	27		
A. Baker, hit wicket C. W. Lam	7		
A. Aziz, not out	7		
H. T. M. Barra, b. C. W. Lam	11		
Extras	11		
Total	140		
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
A. H. Rumjahn	12	37	1
C. W. Lam	17	2	62
F. Hiptoola	6	30	2
Total (for 5 wkt.)	151		

M. R. Ponsonby-Fane's XII.	30
A. H. Rumjahn, b. S. V. Gittings	30
D. Laing, c. Gutierrez, b. E. A. Lee	0
E. F. Zimmerman, run out	36
A. H. Rumjahn, retired	46
A. Chan Fook, b. Baker	21
W. H. Sling, not out	17
Extras	17
Total (for 5 wkt.)	151

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Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.			
A. P. Gutierrez	11	3	46
E. A. Lee	9	1	30
S. V. Gittings	7	1	42
J. Barrow	4	1	15
W. H. Sling	2	1	1
Extras	17		

China Light v. Club de Recreio.

China Light and Power Recreation Club defeated the Club de Recreio on Saturday by an innings and 102 runs. Bating first, China Light, compiled 171, C. F. C. G. contributing 50 and C. B. Easterbrook 46. A. B. C. G. and Kelly dismissed the Recreio for the small total of 35. In their second venture, the Recreio could do no better and were all out for 34.

INTERPORT GOLF.

SHANGHAI TEAM FOR TRIANGULAR COMPETITION.

The following golfers have been selected to represent Shanghai in the triangular tournament at Fanling on China New Year: M. W. Budd, A. R. Blinko, H. R. Malcolm, J. F. Pilcher, K. M. Cumming and A. V. Pettitt.

The information is contained in a letter received by the Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club from the Secretary of the Shanghai Club. There will be one other travelling with the team.

All the players mentioned, with the exception of Pettitt, have played in Internport golf at Fanling before. M. W. Budd is regarded as the most accomplished player in the Far East and held the Shanghai championship for three years in succession. Blinko won the championship this year and Malcolm, who disposed of Budd in 1926, was runner up. The tension is a strong one.

So far no news has been received of the Manila representatives.

England will play in white.

OUR DAILY TALK-ON HEALTH.

FIRST AID TO POISON GAS VICTIM.

CORRECT MEASURES.

Modern industry involves a host of chemical gases of dangerous nature that frequently are developed in close proximity to the workers.

Some of these when inhaled may produce death promptly, others have but transitory effects, and still others may produce irritations of the throat and lungs of considerable seriousness.

Pure air contains nitrogen and oxygen. Most air that is breathed contains also considerable amounts of carbon dioxide, the end product of breathing, some dust, and varying percentages of other gases that may exist as contaminants.

These other gases may include carbon monoxide, which is most frequent in the exhaust gas of motor cars and other engines, and in illuminating gas.

There are hundreds of other gases, some of which, like the vapors of ether, chloroform, ethylene or nitrous oxide, have the power to produce asphyxia; some of which, like cyanides, are intermediately poisonous.

When a person is asphyxiated by any of these gases, he should be removed immediately to fresh but not cold air, laid on his stomach with his face turned to one side, and submitted to artificial respiration.

After he recovers from the asphyxia he should be given general treatment to prevent the development of pneumonia. The carbon dioxide mixed with the oxygen acts to stimulate the breathing and the heart.

P. I. SHIPPING.

STEAMER BOUGHT IN HONGKONG.

The list of steamships devoted to the Philippine inter-island shipping industry will soon be augmented with the addition of one steamer which the company M. S. Palawan, Incorporated, will detail to the coastwise service, on December 26. This announcement was made to the *Manila Bulletin* by officials of the corporation, which had been recently formed with head offices in Manila, for the purpose of engaging in the general commercial, manufacturing and shipping business.

The new ship will be named the M. S. Palawan, and will be used mainly as a lumber freight boat. The vessel is now in Hongkong, having been purchased there by the firm, but is scheduled to arrive in Manila this month. It will be ready for the service on December 26, according to the firm's plan.

The new addition has a capacity of approximately 500 gross tons, and will load not less than 40 cubic meters of lumber. The boat will carry a crew of 36 men including officers.

The new corporation, it has been learned, is mainly controlled by the M. J. Ossorio commercial interests, large business organization in Manila. The two combined are dealing in the business of sugar, oil and lumber and are owners of extensive mills and factories in Negros and Manila. The M. J. Ossorio company is also engaged in inter-island shipping, being the owners of two steamers now in active service in connexion with its business in the Visayan islands.

Its sugar centrals are located in Manapla, Victorias, Negros Occidental, while its oil mills are in Pandacan and Claudio, in the vicinity of Manila. The lumber mills of the two companies are in Pulupandan, Negros Occidental.

BRITISH BLIZZARD.

WINTRY WEATHER STILL CONTINUES.

London, Dec. 20. Severe wintry weather continues throughout Britain. The South Coast last night experienced a blizzard. In London the weather is clear and sunny but for the fifth succeeding day the temperature is well below freezing point. Skating is proceeding in many parts of the country and snow covers the Midland and Northern Shires. The forecast is for a continuation of present conditions over Christmas.—*British Wireless*.

OUTLAWING WAR.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY TRANSMITTED.

Paris, Dec. 20. Mr. Kellogg has transmitted the text of the treaty outlawing war between France and America, for Foreign Office examination.

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FILM DISPLAY.

AGRICULTURAL PICTURES AT
CLUB LUSITANO.

An interesting display of agricultural films was made at the Club Lusitano last evening under the auspices of the Club and the direction of the American Consul-General K. C. Tredwell, Esq. There were a large number of people present, including Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Nantz, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanger, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Sommers, Miss May Letziger, American Consulate General, Mr. H. Shantz, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Albuquerque e Castro, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. and Mrs. Shenton, Sir Robert, & Lady Ho Tong, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kam Tong, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Talati, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hancock, Mr. Jessen of Jepsen & Co., Mr. A. Cameron, Squadron-Leader MacPherson, R. A. F., Group-Com. Robertson, R. A. F., Mr. & Mrs. Rodgers, G. F. Haslam, E. L. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bolland, Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Chittenden, W. Adamson, Rev. Fr. Neary, S. J. G. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. D. Forbes, Mr. E. L. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kew, Bishop Valtorta, Mrs. C. N. Yvngovich, Mrs. C. M. Cordeiro, Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Xavier, Dr. and Miss Wagner, Mr. S. Carrara, Mr. and Mrs. Montarigis, Mr. and Mrs. Polsius, Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg, the Italian Vice-Counsellor, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. B. Silva Netto, and a large number of members of the club.

Mr. C. A. da Roza, president of the Club, welcomed the guests, thanking them for their attendance. He said: I think it is hardly necessary for me to make a formal introduction to you of Mr. Tredwell whom you all know as Consul-General for the United States in Hongkong, but I would like to take this opportunity to extend to him a hearty vote of thanks, not only for his kindly consenting to explain the pictures which will be before us to-day, but also for interesting Messrs. Anderson Meyer and Co., by arranging for the loan of the pictures, and we have also in this connection to thank Messrs. Brunner Mond and Co. These pictures, Ladies and Gentlemen, are of topical interest, and have been very favourably commented upon by the press when shown recently at the Agricultural Show in Fanning, and we are extremely glad to have the opportunity to see them to-day.

Consul's Address.

The U. S. Consul-General then addressed the gathering as follows:

There are found in most communities persons who take the initiative in directing and stimulating the interest of the public in enterprises which tend to promote the common welfare. This is especially true of Hongkong. Within the past ten days a group of men and women, well known to us for their earnest endeavours, most successfully staged the first agricultural show ever held in this Colony. The show was a splendid example of how men and women of different races may combine freely to dedicate their talents and riches for the benefit of those who are tillers of the soil. This may easily and well be extended in other directions to the mutual advantage of all and a finer appreciation of each other's characteristics.

This Colony is richly endowed with good soil, it is noted for its liberality in trade, its maintenance of law and order, and it has grown and prospered under the administration of a series of able Governors. It should not lose its heritage. I feel that there is no cause for pessimism as to the future of this Colony, especially when it has so many public spirited citizens working diligently for its welfare, and a Governor who is in every way fitted for the responsible administrative position which he holds. (Applause.)

The task, as I see it, for those who inaugurated this agricultural show is one not alone of increasing production, or of intensification and expansion of agriculture, but primarily one of educating the farmer. If successful in this direction the results will extend far, and fortunately those who have commenced this good work have a vision which is not limited by the boundaries of the Colony.

Contentment.

It may sound trite to say that educated citizenship is indispensable to a progressive state. Yet we must remember that a contented and educated farmer has no use for agitators, outlaws or military leaders who despoil his crops and carry his sons off to fight their battles. The contented and educated farmer learns that life is not only an endurable but an enjoyable thing. Therefore as the farmers of the New Territories prosper as a result of the aid given them both by those who are the promoters of an annual agricultural show and also by a benevolent Government, other farmers across the border will soon come to realize the benefits of a

CANTON RELIEF.

HONGKONG AND CANTON
MERCHANTS MEET.

The sum of \$2,000 was voted by the representatives of the Tung Wah Hospital, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Twenty-four Merchants' Guilds Association when they met yesterday afternoon at the Tung Wah Hospital to discuss the question of relief for those who were stricken through the "Red" insurrection at Canton.

The five delegates representing the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the various Charity Clubs at Canton, who arrived in the Colony on Monday night were also present at the meeting. The Canton delegates were Messrs. Au Shu-che, Chan Yau-man, Yuen Che-ming, Te Man-ting, and Shung Chun-tong.

At the meeting the Canton delegates declared that the Fong Bin Hospital, Canton, in co-operating with other charity clubs had succeeded in cleaning the streets and roads of corpses and attending to the wounded. Of the latter class the number was not large. In the work of relief the most prominent part was played by the Fong Bin Hospital, which alone had spent thousands of dollars in collecting corpses and providing coffins for them. As the said hospital depends to a large extent on the subscriptions of Hongkong and Canton merchants for its maintenance, the Canton delegates were of the opinion that, in some way or the other the Fong Bin Hospital, should be assisted.

For the Distressed.

Proceeding, the Canton representatives declared that they had decided to provide the needy refugees in Canton with rice, as rice and other food stuffs were exceedingly costly since the "Red" coup, and not a few of the Canton poorer classes had found it hard to earn enough to pay for their food in the devastated city. But, to solve the problem of providing the needed quantity of rice, a very large sum would have to be spent and toward this the delegates had received the Canton Government's promise of \$300,000, but this would not be enough and the delegates appealed to the Hongkong merchants for more funds.

The Cold Winter.

Next to the provision of rice, the distributing of free winter clothing and of congee for the poor and distressed during the coming cold winter days would have to be considered by the relief workers.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Tung Wah Hospital should subscribe \$500 toward the cost of cotton clothes, \$1,000 as annual subscription for the Fong Bin Hospital and another \$500 for the provision of coffins.

In connection with the provision of rice the Hongkong representatives were of the opinion that the Canton relief workers should carry out their work first and if the provision of rice for the needy proved successful, then the Hongkong merchants might assist to carry on the work. However, the Hongkong delegates made it clear that whatever was done was to be confined to relief work and politics should not be allowed to enter into the agreement.

The five delegates from Canton were entertained by the Hongkong merchants last night at a dinner party given in their honour at the South China Restaurant.

life in a land which is not torn by internal strife.

I am certain that at some future time the twentieth century will be selected as a period worthy of emulation because of its lofty public spirit, its high ideals and quality of service, the improved condition of those who toil, and its earnest efforts to foster international good will. In this respect Hongkong will not be found wanting. It is at such a gathering as we have here to-day these qualities are exemplified in the individuals who have contributed so much to the welfare of the Colony. The international phase is so evident it requires no comment. It only remains, therefore, for me to thank, in the name of the guests here present, those whose foresight has made it possible for us to gather here to-day for what I feel certain will prove to be not only an interesting but an instructive entertainment. (Applause.)

The exhibition of pictures then took place, the following being shown:

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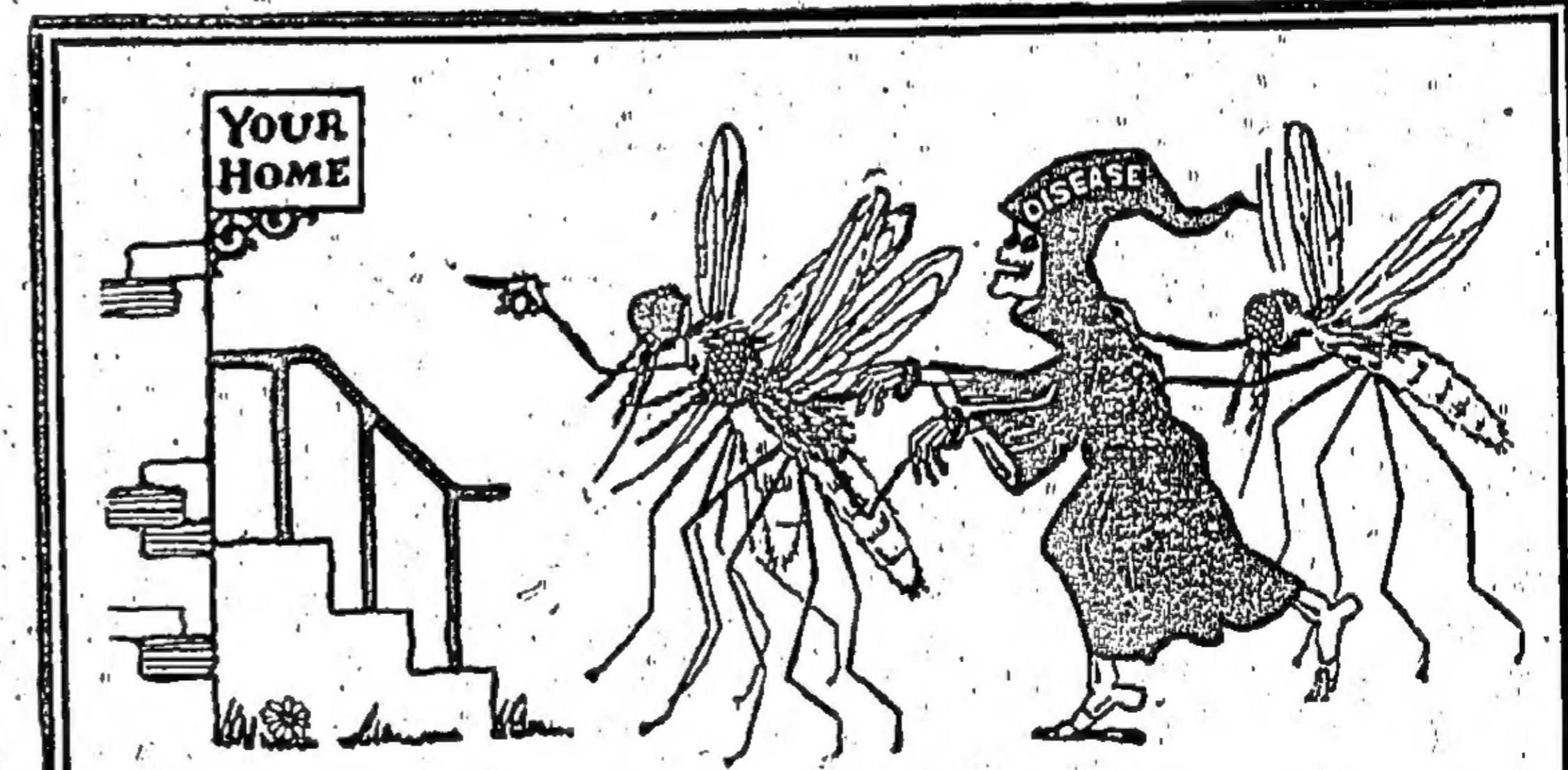
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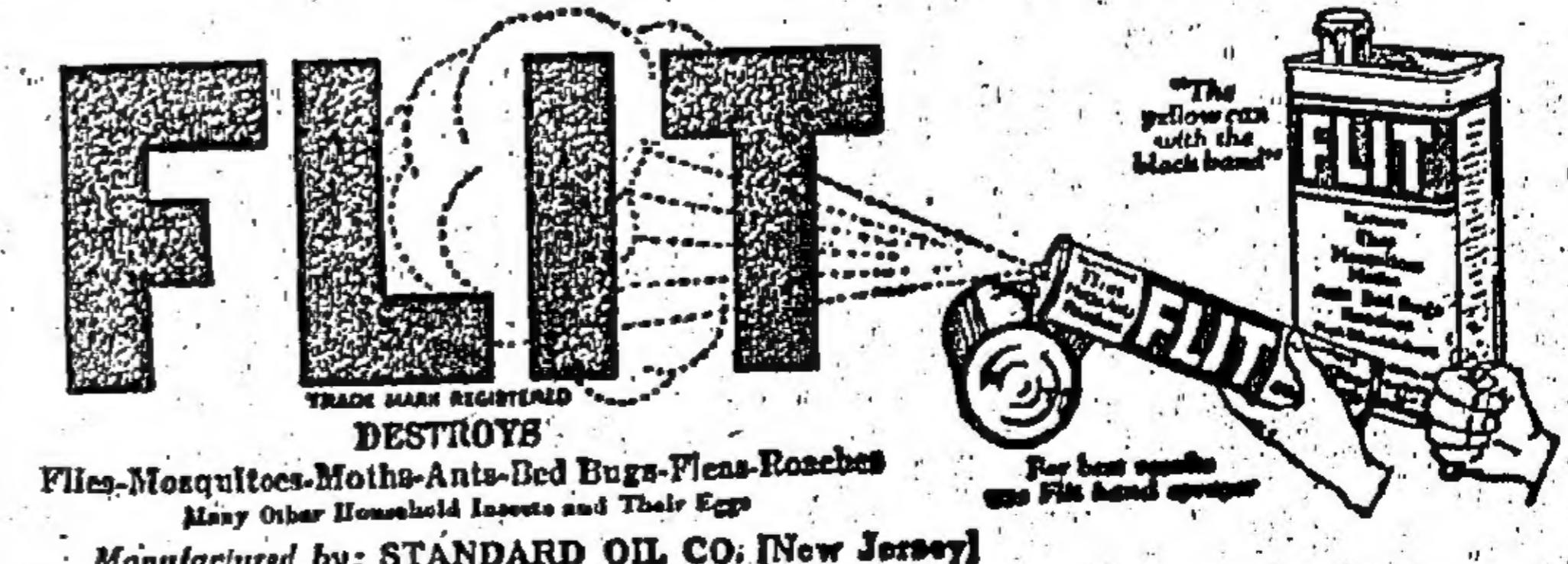
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Caught by a detective while mixing in a crowd at the Metropolitan Cattle Market, Islington, a butler named Frederick Robert Grigg, was convicted at Clerkenwell Police Court of wilfully damaging a woman's mackintosh. He was seen to press against women, and Detective Salisbury, C.I.D., said he saw him draw a knife down a woman's mackintosh and cut it. Grigg denied the charge. Mr. S. Pope (magistrate). Your movements were so suspicious that the officers thought you to be a thief. But you were up to some other mischief. You are fined 20s, and will have to pay 30s costs.

The Beaufort Club, Soho-square, for sixty years one of the best known racing and betting club in London, is to close at the end of the year, when the company owning it will be wound up. During the peak of its popularity the club had a membership of 600. Today members are comparatively few.

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NEW ANGLO-IRAK
TREATY.THE TEXT OF ITS MAIN
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BRITAIN'S UNDERTAKINGS.

London, Dec. 20. The text has been issued of the Treaty between Britain and Iraq signed in London on December 14th.

The Treaty recognises Iraq as an independent and sovereign State and declares that there shall be peace and friendship between His Britannic Majesty and His Majesty the King of Iraq. It states that: "provided the present rate of progress in Iraq is maintained and all goes well in the interval, His Britannic Majesty will support the candidature of Iraq for admission to the League of Nations in 1932."

It stipulates that separate agreements, superseding those of March 25th, 1924, shall regulate financial and military relations. The King of Iraq undertakes to secure the execution of all international obligations which His Britannic Majesty has undertaken to see carried out in respect of Iraq. He also undertakes not to modify the existing provisions of Iraq organic law so as adversely to affect the rights and interests of foreigners, or to constitute any difference in rights before the law among the Iraqis on the ground of differences of race, religion or language.

Local Reforms.

There shall be full and frank consultation between the high contracting parties in all matters of foreign policy which may affect their common interests. The King of Iraq undertakes, so soon as local conditions permit, to accede to all general international agreements already existing or which may be concluded hereafter with the approval of the League of Nations in respect of the slave trade, traffic in drugs, arms and munitions; traffic in women and children; transit, navigation, aviation and communications, and to execute the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Treaty of Lausanne, the Anglo-French Boundary Convention and the San Remo oil agreement in so far as they apply to Iraq.

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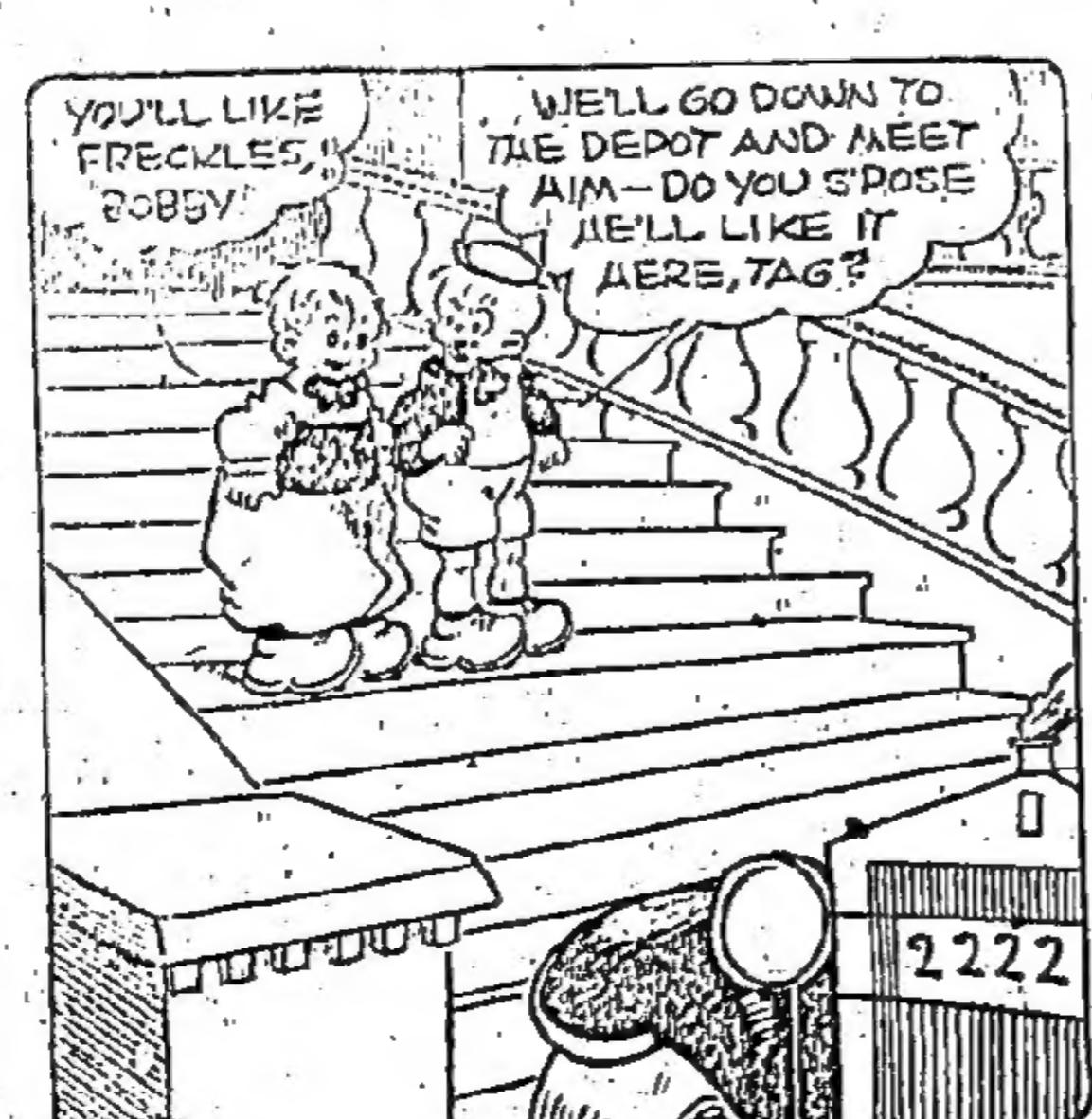
There shall be no discrimination in matters concerning taxation, commerce or navigation against nationals or companies of any State which is a member of the League of Nations or of any State to which the King of Iraq has agreed by treaty that the same rights should be ensured as if it were a member of the League.

Any difference that may arise between the high contracting parties regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this Treaty, shall be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice provided for by Article 44 of the Covenant of the League. The Treaty shall be subject to review with the object of making all modifications required by circumstances when Iraq enters the League of Nations. British Wireless.

CALCUTTA PILOT
ACQUITTED.SEQUEL TO RECENT
COLLUSION.

Calcutta, Dec. 3. The additional Sessions Judge at Alipore, with a special jury, today concluded the hearing of a case in which Mr. E. G. Bacon, pilot in charge of the "Rathenfeld," was prosecuted for alleged negligence and breach of duty, resulting in a collision with s.s. "Calcutta," which was sunk in the Fulto Bight, on August 29th. The jury unanimously found the pilot not guilty and the Judge acquitted him of the charges.

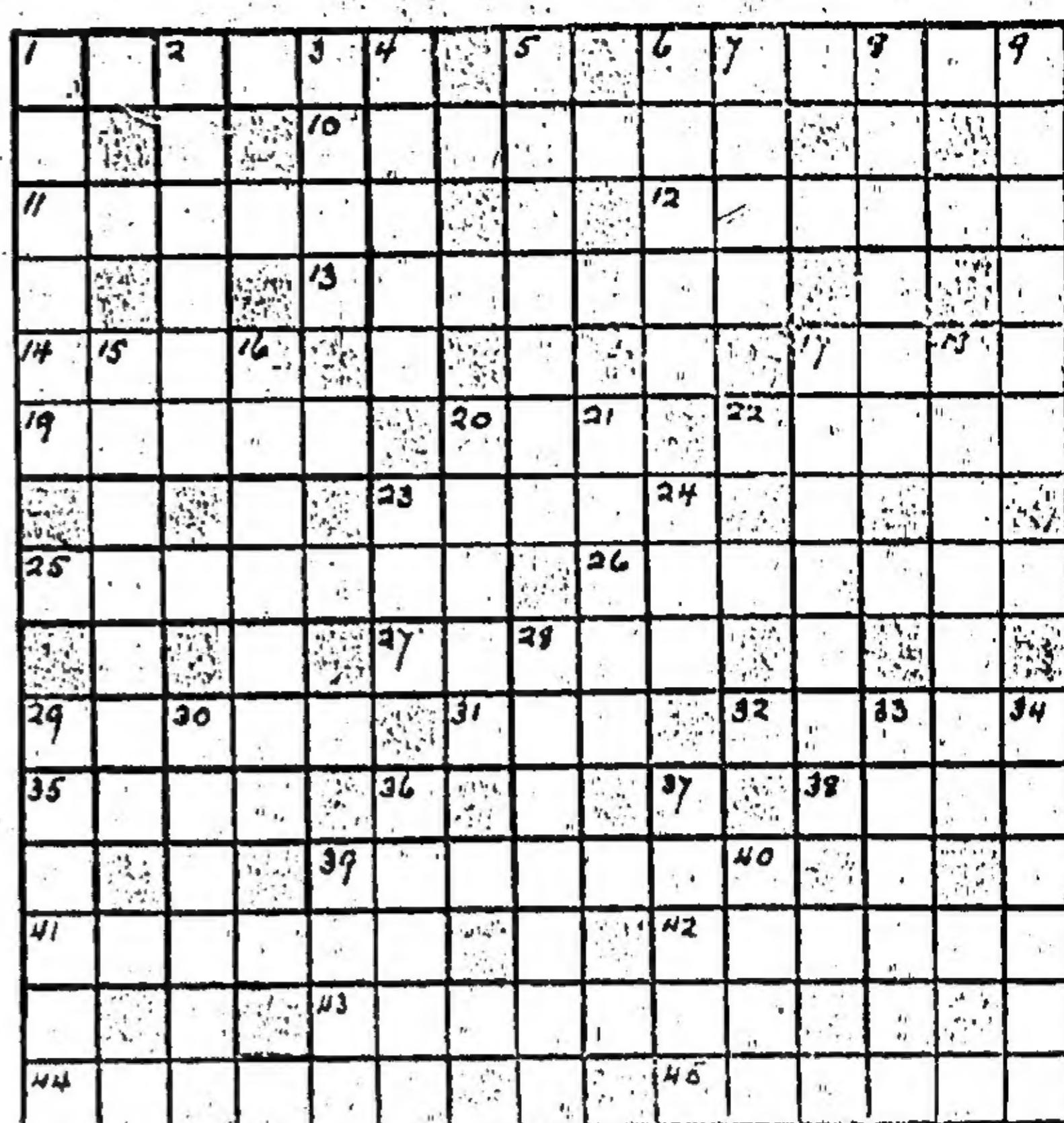
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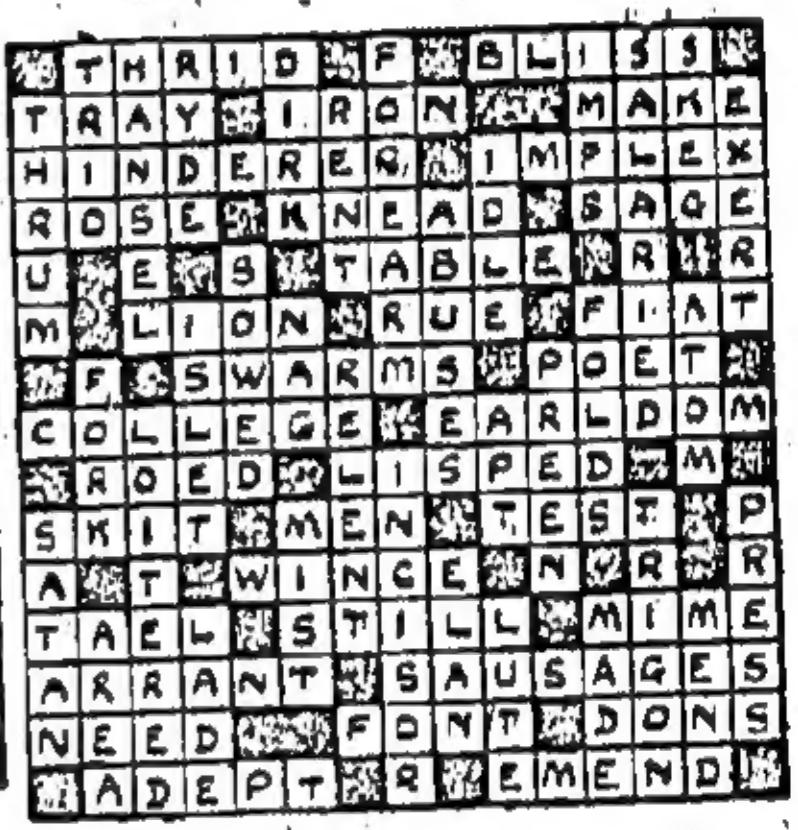
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 1927.

LANCASHIRE'S COTTON CRISIS.

To those who have been following the fortunes of the Lancashire cotton spinning industry of late it has come as no surprise to read the Reuter telegram which came to hand yesterday telling of the havoc which has been caused by unrestrained competition. An urgent appeal is now being made by the Cotton, Yarn Association to all companies engaged in the American section to come under a new agreement of curtailment, for at present prices only result in losses "no matter how favourably a mill might be financed." It will be remembered that six weeks ago the scheme of control which had previously been in force for a short time was abandoned on account of the lack of unanimity, and that, in effect, the industry reverted to its policy of *laissez faire*. It was then argued by many that it would not be a bad thing for prices to tumble, for such would have the effect of driving out of existence many mills which were over-capitalised and therefore running on an uneconomical basis. The plea then was that it would be best for some mills to go bankrupt as soon as possible, but the present plea is that losses are being incurred all round by everybody. And, of course, it would not help much if the mills that close are sold at break-up prices to purchasers who then compete with the advantage of negligible standing charges. The whole crux of the matter has been the persistence of the wrong idea that by lowering prices all round there would be a favourable reaction on the export trade so as to create the very flow of trade upon which the recovery of the industry depends. There has been lots of bad thinking, for there is still a large section of the cotton trade which believes that, given keen competition and a resolute refusal to worry about over-production, Lancashire, by lowering prices all round, may still hope to recapture her lost trade.

Let us pause for a moment to note what elements this section includes. A para-

dox presents itself. In the cotton trade, the majority of the employers have been striving to adapt their trade to a restricted scale of output, whilst the charge of "defeatism" has been hurled at them from the operatives' side.

There is no serious challenge to wages or hours, while the operatives have long been fond of attributing the troubles of the industry to a skeleton in the employers' cupboard—the inflated capital values at which so many mills changed hands in the mill-buying boom eight years ago. Wring out this water, they have said in effect, write down your capital to a reasonable figure, and the cotton trade will go ahead once more. But the prices at which the cotton trade has recently been selling its goods have not been remunerative on a modest basis of capitalization. Desirable as it no doubt is to write down inflated capital, it is not easy to see how this can materially affect the situation. In the long run, the logic of selling cheap enough to secure a big recovery of trade must lead, in cotton as in coal, to an attack on wages and hours, a point on which the operatives would do wisely to reflect.

It has been seriously asked whether Lancashire's loss of trade is not due to the fact that Britain has been undercut by competitors, whose trade is expanding, while ours is declining; and if this is so, does it not follow that it is perfectly feasible for us to recover our trade by selling cheap enough? But the reductions of cost required to put us on really competitive terms, as regards the commoner varieties of cotton goods, with countries which employ very low-paid labour, may be beyond the limits of practicable attainment. Our loss of cotton trade is, in a sense, a matter of price; and, it is inevitable that such an industry should tend naturally to pass "more and more to countries with a lower standard of life than our own. The tendency has been at work for many years; it has operated very gradually, as all such tendencies do; but, now that it has gathered momentum it is not likely to be reversed. The true way of meeting it is to turn more and more, as of course Lancashire has always been doing, to the finer qualities of goods, in which British advantages still count for most.

Combating Piracy.

The activities of pirates and bandits on the Upper Yangtze have been so marked of late that the British naval authorities have decided to commence operations against these outlaws. A regular patrol is now being maintained, and already a bandit craft has been seized. The time has certainly come for the taking of strong and well-organised action against these freebooters, especially in the region of Shasi, where many incidents have been reported of late. Only yesterday we reported the attack made by pirates on a Butterfield and Swire, possibly by the same gang of bandits which took Captain Lalor into captivity. On that occasion, British naval action was taken against the attackers, the majority of whom, however, managed to get away. It is quite clear that the Chinese authorities either will not or cannot deal with this evil, and, that being the case, the only alternative left is foreign action of a punitive character. We have the same trouble down here in the Bias Bay region, where the Chinese authorities appear powerless to do anything. Some few weeks ago, we had hopes that, as a result of the conversations between H. E. the Governor of Hongkong and the foreign Ministers in Peking, some organised plan would be evolved to deal with the evil, but so far nothing tangible has transpired from the proposals then put forward. Possibly, some difficulty is being experienced in getting complete unanimity amongst the Powers. If that is the case, then we hope that those Powers who do see the necessity for action will get together and decide on effective suppressive measures. For all too long have these pirates had matters their own way, and, for the protection of their own interests, it is now up to the various foreign nations to take the matter into their own hands.

The carnival dances advertised to take place at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, promise to be particularly happy events. Booking has already opened briskly, and those who have not yet reserved accommodation are advised to do so early, especially when it is remembered that last year many were turned away owing to leaving the reservation of tables until the last moment. No expense is being spared to make both carnivals in every way enjoyable, and there will be plenty of toys, hats, crackers, streamers and other novelties provided. Dancing will continue until 1 a.m., special Peak trams and ferries having been arranged.

DAY BY DAY.

LOVE CAN SUN THE REALMS OF NIGHT.—Schiller.

Mr. David Gow and family returned from the States by the President Taft.

A Reuter's telegram states that Captain W. G. Lalor continues to make satisfactory progress.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar is expected to arrive here from Shanghai at 7 a.m. on Friday.

Extreme Zimbalist, the famous violinist, is passing through by the President Garfield for Singapore.

Amongst the passengers who left for Manila by the President Taft were Col. Eaves, Mr. P. M. Henderson and Mr. C. B. Brooke.

Mrs. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, left on a pleasure trip to the North by the President Jackson.

Mr. C. H. Bay, Diplomatic Secretary of the U.S. Legation at Bangkok, arrived here by the President Garfield from America.

We have received from Messrs. Reiss, Massey and Company, a useful diary for 1928 issued by the Westinghouse Electric International Company.

The President Taft brought East 150 U.S. naval ratings. Of these, 62 disembarked at Shanghai and 30 here. The remainder are proceeding to the Cavite station.

A coolie has been arrested in connexion with the theft of a gramophone and 36 records, the property of a Chinese living at 620, Shanghai Street, Yaumati.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. R. M. Woods, accountant, 5 Alma Villas, Austin Road, Kowloon, to Miss D. M. Treachary, 6 Rue du Barrage, Heliopolis, Cairo.

Amongst the passengers who left for Shanghai by the President Jackson were Mr. W. A. Dowley and Mr. C. S. Gubbay. Mr. R. F. C. Hedgeland, Customs Commissioner at Canton, left for Home on leave by the same boat.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei passed through Hongkong yesterday aboard the s.s. "Paul Lecat". He told a reporter that he hoped to proceed to Southern Germany, and, if his health improved, to return East in about three months' time.

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. Sin Cheuk Man, formerly on the staff of the Tutorial Institute and now manager of Messrs. Bunker and Co., Wuchow, shipowners and agents, and Miss Rosalind Wei, of Kowloon, is announced to take place during Christmas Week.

Two reports were made to the police yesterday with regard to goods being stolen from show cases outside Chinese shops. In one instance, goods to the value of \$104 were stolen from outside No. 229, Des Voeux Road Central, and in another case two sets of animal horns, worth \$200, were taken from a case at No. 35, Wing Lok Street.

While on his way to a house at Shek Tong Tsui, West Point, with three boxes of clothing, the value of which is not known at present, a coolie employed by the Wing On Company was accosted by two men who asked him to change bank notes for them and leave the boxes as security. This coolie agreed to do, but when he arrived at the money changer's shop he found that the parcel of alleged "notes" only contained ordinary paper. On returning to the spot where he was accosted, the coolie found that the men had vanished and the boxes as well.

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PENINSULA HOTEL THEFTS.

MUCH TELEPHONE WIRE STOLEN.

WORKMAN CHARGED TO-DAY.

Since the evacuation of the Peninsula Hotel by the military, large quantities of telephone wire, to the value of thousands of dollars, have been reported to have been stolen from the premises and, with the appearance of an employee of the Telephone Company on a charge of theft, Mr. D. Tollan, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, intimated that the Company took a serious view of the case.

The coolie was charged before Mr. W. Scheidell with larceny of a quantity of wire from the Peninsula Hotel.

Accused said he was informed that certain wires had been cut in the Hotel and he had gone there to inspect the premises.

He found coils of wire lying on the floor and was taking them back to the Company when arrested.

Mr. D. Tollan, engineer of the Hongkong Telephone Company, said that he received a telephone message from Mr. Field, of the Peninsula Hotel, yesterday, informing him of the arrest of one of the Company's employees.

Witness went to the Hotel and saw the defendant and two coils of wire.

Witness asked the defendant where the wires had come from and was taken to the second floor, where however, there had been no wires installed.

Defendant then took witness to the third floor and pointed out where the wires had been cut.

On examining the place, witness found that a number of coils of wire similar to those in Court had been cut and stolen.

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GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

The hall of the Victoria British School was effectively decorated this morning with Christmas greetings when prizes, won by pupils during the year, were distributed by Mrs. K. E. Greig, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. Those present included Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Mrs. E. M. Clark, headmistress, and the staff.

Annual Report.

Mrs. Clark read the annual report dealing with the year's work as follows:—

The attendance during the year has been satisfactory. There have been ten admissions to the Babies Class, nine Eastern, Mrs. Minet, M.O.B., visited the school several times, and reported the "General health good." The pupils were vaccinated in March, during the smallpox epidemic.

There were several changes in the staff during the year. Mrs. Clark and Miss Stuart proceeded on long leave. Mrs. Morris replaced Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Pryde was appointed to take Class 9. Miss Hendry was transferred to Bellisios Girls' School.

The work generally has been satisfactory throughout the year. Eight pupils sat for the Royal Drawing Society's Examination (Preparatory Division) and all passed with honours. Viola Dorothy Raven is awarded the Government Free Scholarship for Class 7.

I should like to take this opportunity of asking parents to make known the fact that we have accommodation for a few more pupils between the ages of 4 and 9 years. I would like to admit children where possible at the age of 4. They would then stand a good chance of being well-grounded before passing into the Central School. The excellent results in the "Babies' Room," or Class 10, show how much the little ones love school and how ably the pupils have been instructed by Mrs. Watt.

Pupils Entertain.

This was followed by a concert, contributed to by the pupils. The various items included Christmas Carols, songs and recitations.

Considering the extreme youth of the children they gave a very good account of themselves and showed evidence of very efficient training on which the staff generally is to be congratulated. The detailed programme was as follows: Song "Bed in Summer," Classes 9 and 10; song "The Riddle," Alice Dede; and Peggy Eccleshall; recitation, "Missing," Georgie Knight; song, "Rainbow Fairies," Class 9 girls; recitation, "An Apple Rhyme," Billy Gegg; song, "My Shadow," Billy Pryde and Betty Longbottom; song, "Come to the Fair," Class 7 and 8; boys; recitation, "Binker," Verla Hundy-side; song, "In the Glomming," Classes 7 and 8; song, "Hunting-Morn," all pupils; recitation, "Brownies," Moira Wattie; two carols, all pupils.

Prize List.

The prize list was as follows: Class 7—Viola Dorothy Raven for proficiency, Mavis Glendinning and John McLeod for progress.

Class 8—Walter Pryde and Joy Booker for proficiency, Dorothy Moss, Alison McKay and Ernie Fowler for progress.

Class 9—Billy Gegg, Vivienne Hollidge, Vera Handyside, Robbie Glen, Henry Bunge, Nancy Duckworth, Harry Middleton, David Parsons, Frank Hughes and Stella Stevenson for progress, Noel Booker for proficiency.

Class 10—Billy Pryde, Ian Handyside, Derek Hollidge, George Knight, John Thornhill, Hylton Edmondson, Mary Joy Parsons, Jean Ewing, Peggy Eccleshall, Mickey Gibson, Maureen Booker, June Booker, Billy Van Andel, Jack Kelly, Betty Longbottom, Terence Lockhart, Chas. Hosiegood, Alice Dede, Moira Wattie, Roy de Rome, Colin de Rome, Hazel Spurgeon, Annette Gibson, Alan Langston and Norman Bell Smith for progress.

Miss Betty Longbottom and Master Billy Pryde then presented bouquets of flowers to Mrs. Greig. Mrs. Greig expressed thanks for the gifts and remarked that she thought the results showed that the children had done remarkably well. She concluded by wishing them all a happy holiday.

Progress Sustained.

Speaking on the school work, Mr. Ralphs referred to the fact that Mrs. Clark had been away for part of the time and that during her absence Mrs. Morris had taken charge of the school. Mrs. Morris, he said, had devoted all her efforts to the work of the school with the result that progress had been sustained. When Mrs. Clark returned she brought with her Miss Stuart, who

CAPITAL AND LABOUR TO MEET.

A BIG CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.

T.U.C. ACCEPT INVITE.

London, Dec. 20. The General Council of the Trade Union Congress, by a considerable majority, has decided to accept the invitation of a large group of employers, representing over £1,000,000,000 capital, to a joint conference to discuss the industrial problems facing the country.

A Trade Union sub-committee will be formed to consider the most suitable subjects for discussion, and will include Mr. Ben Turner, the Chairman of the T.U.C., Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., and Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

The conferences will probably be held in January.

The employers' invitation was issued from Sir Alfred Mond's house, and was signed by a number of the most prominent industrial magnates, representing 159 public companies.—*Registers*.

FRENCH ADMIRAL'S VISIT.

OFFICIAL LANDING THIS MORNING.

The French cruiser Jules Michelet arrived from Shanghai this morning flying the flag of Rear Admiral Stotz, the new Commander-in-Chief of the French squadron in Asiatic waters. The usual national and rank salutes were fired as the vessel berthed in the man-of-war anchorage.

Rear-Admiral Stotz, Commander-in-Chief of the French Squadron in Far Eastern Waters, only succeeded to the post recently, and this was his first official call at this port. He was received by the naval and military officials of the Colony, and later, accompanied by the French Consul (M. Dufaure de la Parade), called on His Excellency the Governor, at Government House.

Rear Admiral Stotz left the Jules Michelet for the official call on His Excellency the Governor, at 10.25 a.m. and landed 10 minutes later. A guard of honour of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was lined up facing the Queen's Pier under the command of Captain Staunton, they being full brass and pipe band in attendance, with the colours borne by an officer of the regiment.

Captain Whyte, A.D.C., met the Admiral on landing, the band striking up the "Marseillaise," after which the guard of honour was inspected and the party subsequently motored to Government House via Garden Road. With the visiting official were M. de la Parade, the French Consul, and Flug Lieut. de Badehs. Salutes were again fired on landing and embarking.

It is learned that an official dinner to welcome Rear Admiral Stotz will be held at the residence of the French Consul this evening at which most of the local French community will be present, in addition to British naval and military officers, including the Captain of H.M.S. Argus.

It is understood that the Jules Michelet will remain here until December 31st, on which day she will sail for Saigon. She is commanded by Captain De Vincenzo.

It will be recalled that Rear-Admiral Stotz, who was transferred from the Mediterranean and Levantine Command to succeed Rear-Admiral Basire as French Naval Chief in the Far East, sometime ago passed through the Colony on his way to Shanghai to assume his command.

The Jules Michelet is not an unfamiliar visitor here, she having paid a number of calls since she first joined the French China Squadron several years ago.

had poetical inclinations and would be of great help. Last, but not least, he would refer to Mrs. Pryde. When they had said that she was a mistress that the school could be proud of, they had said all.—(Applause).

Mr. Ralphs concluded by assuring parents that children would be well looked after at the school. He expressed thanks to Mrs. Greig for attending to distribute the prizes.

Interesting examples of work done by the children during the year were laid out for inspection in the school rooms and claimed a good deal of attention. The standard of work was, generally speaking, high, some efforts being exceptionally good.

TO-DAY'S CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

SOME SMART SENTENCES IMPOSED.

"CAT" FOR ROBBERS.

London, Dec. 20.

Sentences of three, five, seven and five years hard labour, two of the men so sentenced also being ordered to receive twelve strokes of the "cat," were imposed by His Lordship, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, this morning in less than an hour.

The first case dealt with was

that concerning the gold bar theft

case reported elsewhere, when the defendant, who had been found

guilty on Monday, was sentenced.

In the second case, sentence was

passed on the man found guilty

yesterday of armed robbery at

Koshing street. His Lordship,

passing sentence of "five years"

hard labour, said prisoner was one

of a gang of persons which came

down to Hongkong from Canton

to commit robbery here.

Prompt Police Work.

In the third case, two men plead-

ed guilty of participation in the

robbery at a piece goods shop in

Queen's Road Central on November 14.

They were charged, with

another not in custody, of stealing

£5,180.24.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, appear-

ing for the Crown, said the robbery

took place at a merchant's

shop. The two men, in company

with another, visited the shop about seven o'clock and ordered

seven rolls of cloth.

They said they would come back

for the goods later. The men re-

appeared shortly after nine when the shop had closed. It was opened

to them and when inside the

men whipped out revolvers and held up the manager, "assistant manager, accountant and fokias.

The telephone wires were cut.

Money totalling £5,180.24 was

stolen. When arrested, the first

prisoner had £6,12.65 in his posse-

sion and the second £1,109.10.

The remainder of the stolen

money was missing. Both men

were arrested the same night at

Monday. The man did not appear

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A Sponge Cake with layers of Butter Cream and Peaches, Apricot and Pineapple, covered with Butter Cream.—\$1.50 to \$4.00 each.

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SUEZ CANAL CONTROL.

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It is gathered, says a political correspondent, that in the conversations between the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, and the Egyptian Premier, Sarwat Pasha, an advance has been made towards agreements on such matters as the maintenance of British control over the Suez Canal, so essential to the security of Empire lines of communication.

Great Britain, too, has obligations for guaranteeing the security of foreign nationals in Egypt, and here again the discussions appear to have been satisfactory.

With these and other points satisfactorily settled the road would be cleared for an Anglo-

Egyptian treaty covering all points left outstanding under earlier agreements, and the date accelerated at which Egypt might take its place in the League of Nations.

Cairo Views.

Cairo.—Published comments on Mr. Baldwin's Guildhall speech are confined to *Al Balagh*, which states that Mr. Baldwin's speech and the declarations of Sarwat Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, before leaving London, while they may be regarded as satisfactory, require explanation. The newspaper says:

Mr. Baldwin refers to safeguards for essential British interests, but he does not say whether these are to be safeguarded by British arms or entrusted to Egypt as Britain's ally. On the other hand, Sarwat Pasha says that an

alliance is desirable, but he does not mention whether the way thereto is now open. Therefore we are neither optimistic nor pessimistic, but prefer to await the Premier's return.

Gafar Waly Pasha, the acting Premier, expressed satisfaction at Mr. Baldwin's declarations and hopes for the future, and said the matter would be referred to in the speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament in a week or two.

On the whole political circles are inclined to reserve judgment on the speech. The chances of an agreement being reached with the Wafd (the Nationalist Party) are as remote as ever, having regard to the fact that the latter still adheres to its demands regarding the withdrawal of British troops and the occupation of the Sudan.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

CRICKET NOTES.

(By "Looker On.")

The game on Wednesday last between the Army and the Navy was almost a farce, as the former turned out without five of their best players, namely Robbie, Erskine, Graham, Bingham and Burton. The Navy, on the other hand, were at full strength except for the absence of Hunt.

The result of the match was an overwhelming victory for the Navy who dismissed the complete Army side twice between 2 and 4 o'clock, both times for under a hundred runs—a very fine performance in spite of the weakness of the Army side. The chief credit for this was due to Thomson, who bowled exceptionally well. He performed the hat-trick in the Army's first innings. The wicket seemed to suit him and he put down a great variety of balls. It is surprising the amount of pace he gains off the wicket considering the shortness of his run before delivering the ball. And he was backed up by good fielding.

The Navy in this respect showed up in marked contrast to the Army. Their catching was really good. With a little more practice, they should prove a better side than was generally expected in the forthcoming Triangular Tournament. Their batting too was good and enterprising. Venn's eighty odd was a very good knock. Dale and Armitage also batted well, the latter indulging in some mighty hitting.

There is little to be said for the Army side. They seemed to play as if their heart was not in the game at all. There was an entire absence of that "will to win" which is so necessary in a side. Thorpe, perhaps, was not bowling up to his usual form, although he had bad luck at times. He was putting down too much stuff on the leg side and so was expensive. Lance Corporal Miles, of the Queen's has the makings of a good bowler. They tell me he played regularly for the Dover Garrison last year, so he should have good knowledge of the game. His action is similar to that of Thomson, but he has not yet acquired the knack of gaining the same amount of pace off the wicket as he has. However, he is quite young and keen so I should not be surprised if he improves a great deal in time.

Chief interest in the League games on Saturday centred around the match between Kowloon and the Indian's "A". Both sides were more or less at full strength and the result was a draw. Unless anything unforeseen happens, it is almost impossible for two teams as strong as those participating in this game to bring it to a definite conclusion in three and three quarter hours' play. I must say, as a general rule, I am against juggling with the laws of cricket, but it would be interesting to see how some such scheme as giving each side half the playing time in which to bat would work out in Saturday afternoon League cricket. Failing this, it might be worth while trying the rules adopted for the pick-up game which took place after the recent Interport matches. They were (a) Any batsman playing a maiden over lost his wicket and (b) no bowler was allowed to have more than three overs in succession. The game in question certainly produced some lively cricket.

I make the above remarks applicable only to Saturday afternoon League cricket and not in any sense to two or three day matches.

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CHARITY FOOTBALL.

SCOTLAND'S TEAM AGAINST PORTUGAL.

In the international football match for the *Sunday Herald* cup, between Scotland and Portugal, to be played on Monday, the 26th inst., at 3.45 p.m., Scotland's team will be—Roger (Club); Hirst (Scots Guards); Martin (K. O. S. B.); Macbride (Club); Stewart (Club); Carswell (Scots Guards); Campbell (K. O. S. B.); Humphreys (Scots Guards); McGlinch (K. O. S. B.) and Rev. Alexander (K. O. S. B.). Stewart will be the captain. Referees—Farlow (H. H. S. "Titania"), Oram (H. K. P.) and Sherry (H. K. P.).

CAMBRIDGE'S GOOD SHOW.

VARSITY RELAY RACES.

London, Dec. 3.—Oxford.—In the Inter-Varsity relays, Cambridge beat Oxford by 4 events to 3. Cambridge's successes were as follows:

The 400 yards race in 38 4/5ths secs.

The 480 yards High Hurdles, in 63 4/5ths secs.

The Two Miles' Race in 8 min. 9 secs.

The One-Mile Race, in 3 mins. 23 3/5ths secs.

Oxford's successes were:

The Four Miles' Race in 18 mins. 21 1/5ths secs.

The Half-Mile Race, in which Rinkel (Cambridge), finished first but Cambridge were disqualified for a fault in the first change. Rinkel's time was 1 min. 29 secs.

The Half-Mile Low Hurdles Race in 1 min. 44 secs.

"KID" LEWIS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

WINS AFTER 100-SECONDS.

London, Dec. 4.—Johannesburg.—"Kid" Lewis knocked out Alex Storbeck, in the first round of contest here, dropping him four times with rights to the jaw for counts of nine. The fight lasted 100 seconds.

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NANKING ECHO.

BRITISH PRAISE FOR U.S. NAVY.

HEROIC SIGNALMAN.

In a letter to the United States Secretary of State, Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador at Washington, has paid a high tribute to the work of the American navy at Nanking during the troubles of March last when the Nationalist troops occupied the city and a threat of massacre of foreigners in the city existed. He also expresses thanks for the assistance given by Mr. J. K. Davis, U.S. Consul-General at Nanking and also American officers and sailors, whom he mentions specifically.

Sir Esme's letter reads:

"British Embassy, October 13, 1927.—Sir:—In compliance with instructions received from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to convey to you, and through your kind intermediary to those concerned, an expression of His Majesty's Government's cordial appreciation of and thanks for the assistance and co-operation rendered at Nanking in March last by Mr. J. K. Davis, United States Consul at Nanking, and by the following officers and men of the United States Navy.

"Rear Admiral Hough, U.S.N., commanding the Yangtse Patrol; Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Smith, U.S.N., commanding U.S.S. Noa, (K. O. S. B.), Signalman, U.S.S. Noa; John D. Wilson, Signalman, U.S.S. Noa; D. Taylor, Signalman, U.S.S. Preston; H. S. Warren, Signalman, U.S.S. Preston.

"In this connexion I have the honour to enclose extracts from the reports submitted at the time by the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, stating briefly the individual service rendered. I have the honour, etc., Esme Howard."

Extracts Submitted.

"I desire to place on record the very close co-operation and the assistance I received from Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Smith, U.S.N., Commanding the U.S. Noa, and from Rear Admiral Hough, U.S.N., commander of the Yangtse Patrol, after his arrival in his flagship U.S. Isabel. I received every consideration and assistance from Rear Admiral Hough and but for the close co-operation of Lieutenant-Commander Smith in preparing plans for evacuation before the events of March 2 the result under far more difficult conditions than had been foreseen could hardly have been so successful. Our combination was made easier by the personality and mutual co-operation of the American Consul, Mr. J. K. Davis. In my opinion it was in a very large degree due to Mr. Davis that the evacuation of the foreigners from Soony House was achieved, and I consider that British as well as American subjects owe him a very deep debt of gratitude. I find it difficult to express the admiration I feel for this very gallant gentleman.

British Co-Operation.

"I desire to draw attention to the very close co-operation between H.M. ships at Nanking and the ships of the U.S. Navy during and after the events of March 24, and this still continues. Admiral Hough sailed up river in his flagship Isabel on March 31, when the U.S. Destroyer Ford arrived at Nanking. Before sailing the Admiral thanked me personally and in writing for the assistance and hospitality afforded by Emerald and Wolsey to American refugees. He further expressed deep appreciation of the frank and complete co-operation between us in our consultations, plans and operations.

"I feel the same obligation to Admiral Hough and I also wish to emphasize again my appreciation of the services of Lieutenant-Commander R. C. Smith of the U.S.S. Noa and Mr. J. K. Davis, the American Consul, without whose close and very willing co-operation the lives of the British subjects at Nanking would have been still further endangered, and I consider that they both deserve official recognition from His Majesty's Government.

Heroism Of U. S. Signalman.

"As I have already mentioned the Prince of Wales was manned by American signalmen from the two destroyers Noa and Preston and I consider these men performed very fine work keeping communication with the ship although they were continually snipped at by Nationalist soldiers. Full information was sent by signals concerning when the first foreigners started coming over the wall, the time it would take for all of them to get over, which worked out to an exact minute, and when the last was coming over, besides additional signals which were most

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 24th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts, and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 24th:

DIVISION I.

Arsenal v. Everton.
Derby v. Birmingham.
Sheffield U. v. Bolton W.

DIVISION II.

Fulham v. Blackpool.
Leeds v. Stoke.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Newport v. Southend.
Plymouth v. Crystal P.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Bradford v. Chesterfield.
Halifax v. Wrexham.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clyde v. St. Mirren.
Hamilton v. St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock v. Hearts.

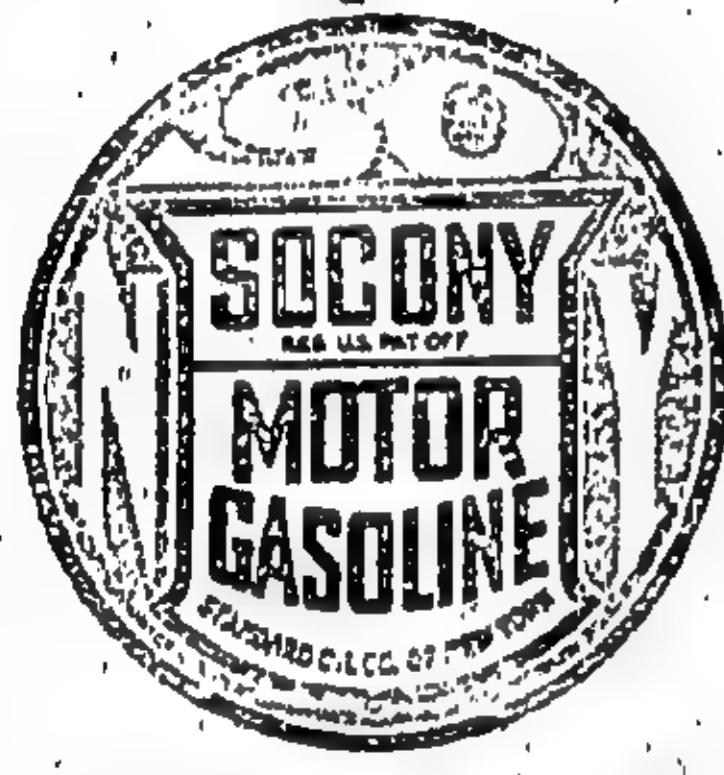
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**RECENT PICNIC
MISHAP.**

**INQUIRY INTO MOTOR BOAT
TRAGEDY.**

A defective carburettor, minus two of its caps, and two securing nuts from the sparking plugs, was stated to have been the most probable cause of the fire which broke out on board a motor boat on which a party of picnickers was travelling from Sai Kung to Nam Tau on Sunday, November 27, when during attempts to escape from the burning boat five of the passengers lost their lives.

As a result of the fatality a Coroner's inquiry was held by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the following jury—Messrs. A. F. Yus (Foreman), H. F. Jason and Y. A. Wahab.

The inquest was an investigation into the circumstances of the deaths of Mrs. Alleye, Miss Tai Tau, Miss Chan Tim, and Messrs. Lai King-ling, Jamieison and Ip Kau, who were passengers on the motorboat.

Mr. Robert Hall, assistant Government Marine Surveyor, was called to give evidence of an examination of the motorboat after the fire. He said that he inspected the motorboat Tung Yat Fat, at Saikung. It was similar to those plying for hire at Queen's Pier and was of the open type with a Class 2 licence. It had accommodation for 14 passengers, but when plying within the limits of the harbour it could carry twenty.

Witness said that with the exception of the awning over the engine having been burned and the woodwork charred, the boat was not damaged. The carburettor was in a very bad condition. Two caps were missing while from the sparking plugs the securing nuts had disappeared. The engine as far as could be seen was not burned. There was no life saving apparatus on board the boat when witness examined it.

Possible Cause of Fire.

Questioned by the Coroner, Mr. Hall said that the absence of the carburettor caps and the spark plug nuts would cause the petrol to pre-ignite, which would result in a back fire, thus causing the pre-ignition to set fire to the motorboat. Witness was of the opinion that this was the most probable way the fire had originated.

With the carburettor in such a condition, a spark from a cigarette would also cause a fire, while on the other hand witness said that a carburettor in perfect order would not be likely to cause fire to the engine through a spark of a cigarette.

The boat was licensed on October 22, having been surveyed two days previous to that date. It was then equipped with four life buoys, two sand boxes (each a ten inch cube), and two chemical fire extinguishers. Although it was stated in the permit that there should be seven life belts on board, witness said that there were no belts on the boat when the survey was made.

When the boat was inspected after the accident, witness only saw the two sand boxes, one of which had been partly used.

Dr. Dovay gave evidence of performing post mortem examinations on the bodies of the six persons. All the bodies showed signs of asphyxia by drowning which was the cause of death in each case.

Bodies Recovered.

Sergeant Hudson testified to finding the body of Mrs. Alleye floating in the water at Nam Tau Sha near the landing steps. The body of Miss Tai Tau (Port Shelter), while the others were recovered on the rocks in the vicinity of Nam Tau Sha. The remains of Mrs. Alleye were found the day after the tragedy, Miss Tai Tau on December 1 and the others on December 3.

Witness also saw the motorboat on the beach about a mile north of Nam Tau Sha. There was no life saving paraphernalia on board nor did he find any belts or buoys on the shore.

In reply to Divisional Inspector Aris, witness said that he had seen the Tung Yat Fat on four or five occasions during the past five months, but he had never seen it carrying more than ten or twelve passengers.

Mr. Chan Chao-chi, of the Central Trading Company, was next called. He said that a party of fifteen, including himself, went to Saikung on the afternoon of Sunday, November 27. On reaching Saikung the party went for a short walk and then boarded the Tung Yat Fat for Nam Tau Sha leaving the wharf at 3 p.m.

Engine Trouble Develops.

When Mr. Chan's party boarded there were already two or three passengers on the boat, while five or six arrived shortly afterwards. Almost immediately after leaving Saikung the motorboat developed engine trouble. It stopped about a dozen times

during the journey to Nam Tau Sha.

Witness said that there were four members of the crew and during the whole of the trip they were smoking. Witness had warned them against this practice when the engine was giving the trouble. When about one hundred yards from the shore at Nam Tau Sha, witness said that the crew was again attempting to start the engine, when suddenly one of the seamen shouted that the boat was on fire.

Witness gave the order for the petrol tap to be turned off while two members of the crew tried to smother the flames with a sack which, not having been previously made wet, merely burned. The attempt was then repeated with a Chinese quilt, but this was similarly useless. The womenfolk became panic-stricken and witness urged them to remain calm.

Just as he was trying to pull it down the awning caught fire and then the women made a frantic rush to the stern of the boat. Three of the girls either jumped or fell overboard, and witness, seeing their plight, threw some planks to them. He himself later lost his balance and fell into the water. After being carried a short distance from the boat by the current, witness swam back and was told by his wife that the fire had been extinguished.

Several Rescues Effected.

On boarding, he saw several members of the party in the water. He shouted to a boat which had approached them to rescue Miss Alleye. This boat rescued several of those in the water, including Miss Alleye. Later the party got a sampan and went ashore, returning to Hongkong by a launch, which they found in the vicinity.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that the crew paid no heed to his warning about smoking.

There were no life buoys or belts on board the boat as far as witness could see.

Answering Divisional Inspector Aris, witness said that there were about 30 persons on board altogether. The weather was fine and the sea calm. Witness did not consider that the number of passengers made the journey dangerous.

Continuing he said that the passengers were searched by an Indian constable prior to leaving Saikung. The constable made no complaint about the excessive number of passengers. There were two oars on board, said witness in reply to a further question.

When asked why two members of the party did not attempt to row the boat ashore as soon as the fire started, witness said that during the journey Mr. Lun had offered to assist the crew by rowing the boat, but he was refused permission to use the oars.

In answer to the jury, witness said that he did not think the fire was caused by a lighted cigarette. It was just as the crew cracked up the engine that the fire started.

Replying to a further question witness said that he did not see Mrs. Alleye after the fire.

The inquiry was adjourned.

MALTING BARLEY.

**GOVERNMENT DECIDES NOT
TO IMPOSE TAX.**

London, Dec. 20.

In a memorandum issued as a White Paper the Government gives reasons for rejecting the proposal to place a customs duty on imported malting barley. The view is taken that the customs duty would be difficult to administer and would be open to the possibility of evasion, while it would impose irritating restrictions on all traders in barley and malt, and would be of doubtful advantage to the farmer. *British Wireless.*



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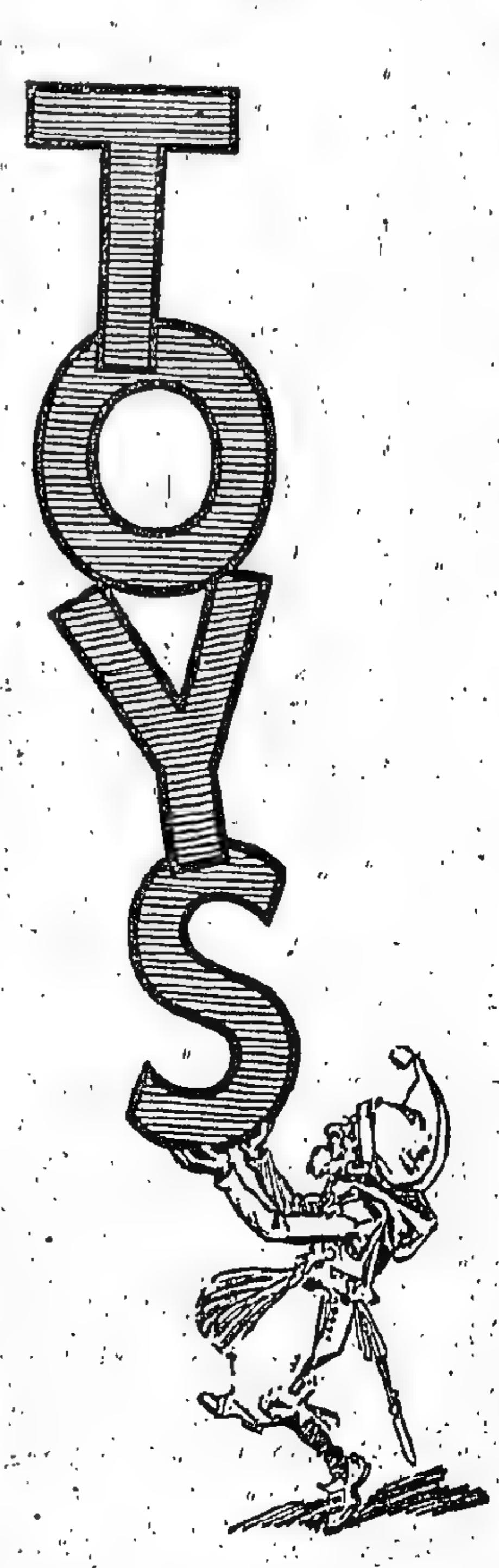
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THE MANSLAUGHTER
CASE.PRISONER ACQUITTED AT
SESSIONS.

"The evidence of this man's complicity is no more than mere suspicion," said Mr. F. C. Jenkin, in asking Sir Henry Collan, at the Criminal Sessions, this morning, to find that the Crown had not made out a *prima facie* case against the Chinese charged with the manslaughter of a coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Company.

The case was that in which three men are alleged to have assaulted a fourth and pushed him into the Harbour.

After hearing Mr. Fitzroy on half of the Crown, Sir Henry Collan directed the jury to find prisoner not guilty, and accordingly discharged him.

Prior to this, Mr. F. C. Jenkin pointed out the discrepancies in the evidence submitted by the Crown. The lay witnesses said that the culprits ran under the verandah until they disappeared into Jubilee Street. Two of the men, they said, were in black clothes and one in white. The police witnesses, on the other hand, said they saw three men running, two in white and one in black. They said also that the men ran obliquely across the road. It seemed from the evidence of the Crown that there were two parties, a culprit party and a non-culprit party. The man in the dock was one of the non-culprit party.

Any evidence against the prisoner was so delicately supported that he submitted the Crown could not possibly succeed. It must be remembered that the lay witnesses lost sight of the running men, and that the police lost sight of those they saw two or three times.

Mr. Fitzroy, replying, said that the police were on the scene very quickly. There were very few other people about at 1.30 a.m., and it was difficult to imagine two parties of three men running. He suggested that the men seen to turn into Jubilee Street by the lay witnesses and those seen by the police were the same party.

His Lordship:—They were seen under different circumstances entirely. You don't meet the point. There is a distinct difference between three men running under a verandah, and three men running obliquely across the road. How do you get over that? Possibly Mr. Jenkin is right when he says there were two parties of three. Your witnesses directly disagree on the course taken by the fugitives.

Mr. Fitzroy:—There is unfortunately a difficulty about the metamorphosis of colour, but on a night like this there were very few people about and it seems difficult to believe that there were two parties of running men. It would be strange for one party to disappear into thin air and another appear on the scene from apparently nowhere.

His Lordship, addressing the jury, said that throughout the Crown's case, placing it at its highest, he had felt it was a very fine one. The Crown carried the onus of satisfying the Court, and it seemed to him that the evidence submitted was not sufficient to justify him allowing it to go to a jury.

A verdict of "Not Guilty" was recorded on His Lordship's direction, and the prisoner was discharged.

FRENCH NAVY.

CHAMBER PASSES
PROGRAMME.

Paris, Dec. 20. The Chamber has voted a Bill authorising the laying down, between July 1st, 1927 and June 30th, 1928, one cruiser, six destroyers, five first-class submarines, a submarine mine-layer and two scouts in continuation of the naval programme.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF
SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

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DEATH OF FAMOUS
NAVAL OFFICER.VICE-ADMIRAL CHARLES
JOHNSTONE.

London, Dec. 4. The death of Vice-Admiral Charles Johnstone recalls that he commanded the "Camperdown" during the manoeuvres in the Mediterranean in 1893 when Admiral Sir George Tryon, on board the "Victoria," signalled a movement by an error of judgment.

Vice-Admiral Johnstone obeyed, and the evolution resulted in the "Camperdown" ramming the "Victoria."

The flagship sank in a few minutes, Admiral Tryon, and 358 members of the crew being drowned.

[The late Admiral Sir George Tryon was appointed to command the Mediterranean Fleet. In August, 1891, and he proceeded to follow the example of his erstwhile chief, Sir Geoffrey Hornby, by making the squadron a definitely evolutionary and, in that sense, experimental squadron. On June 22nd, 1893, when the Mediterranean Fleet was off Tripoli in two columns, Tryon ordered the Fleet to invert its course, the ships turning in succession. As the result of a fatal error, the psychological cause of which has never been definitely established, the Admiral ignored the fact that the two lines of vessels were in such close proximity, that the manoeuvre, as ordered, entailed the most serious risk of collision. The two leading ships collided, with the result that the "Victoria," Tryon's flagship, was cut open and sank in a few minutes.]

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1155 sa.
Chartered Bank, 1211 b.
Montreal A. & B., 133 n.
P. and O. 210 n.
East Asia, \$61 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$580 b.
Union Ins., \$293 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$161 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.40 n.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$655 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, 2401 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$214 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90- b.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$21 n.
Kailans, 60- n.
Langkai, Tls. \$181 b.
Shanghai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 n.
Raubs, \$31 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$32 b.
China Providents, \$340 b.
Hongkewa, Tls. 158 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.05 b.
Orientals, Tls. 12 n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 461 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.20 s.
H. K. Lands, \$61 b.
Shanghai Lands Tls. 124 b.
Humphreys, \$13.86 b.
Realties, \$7.30 b.
Territorials, \$11 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$217 sa.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 b.
Star Ferries, \$58 b.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$13.40 b.
H. K. Electric, \$581 n.
Macao Electric, \$44 b.
Telephones, \$3.91 n.
China Buses, Tls. 61 b.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.
Industrials.

China Sugars, \$71 b.
Malabon, \$30 s.
Canton Ices, \$21 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$6.60 b.
Ropes (Old) \$5 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$141 b.
Watsons, \$11 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawford, \$2.50 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 b.
Sincere, \$71 b.
Wm. Powell, \$3 b.
Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$204 b.
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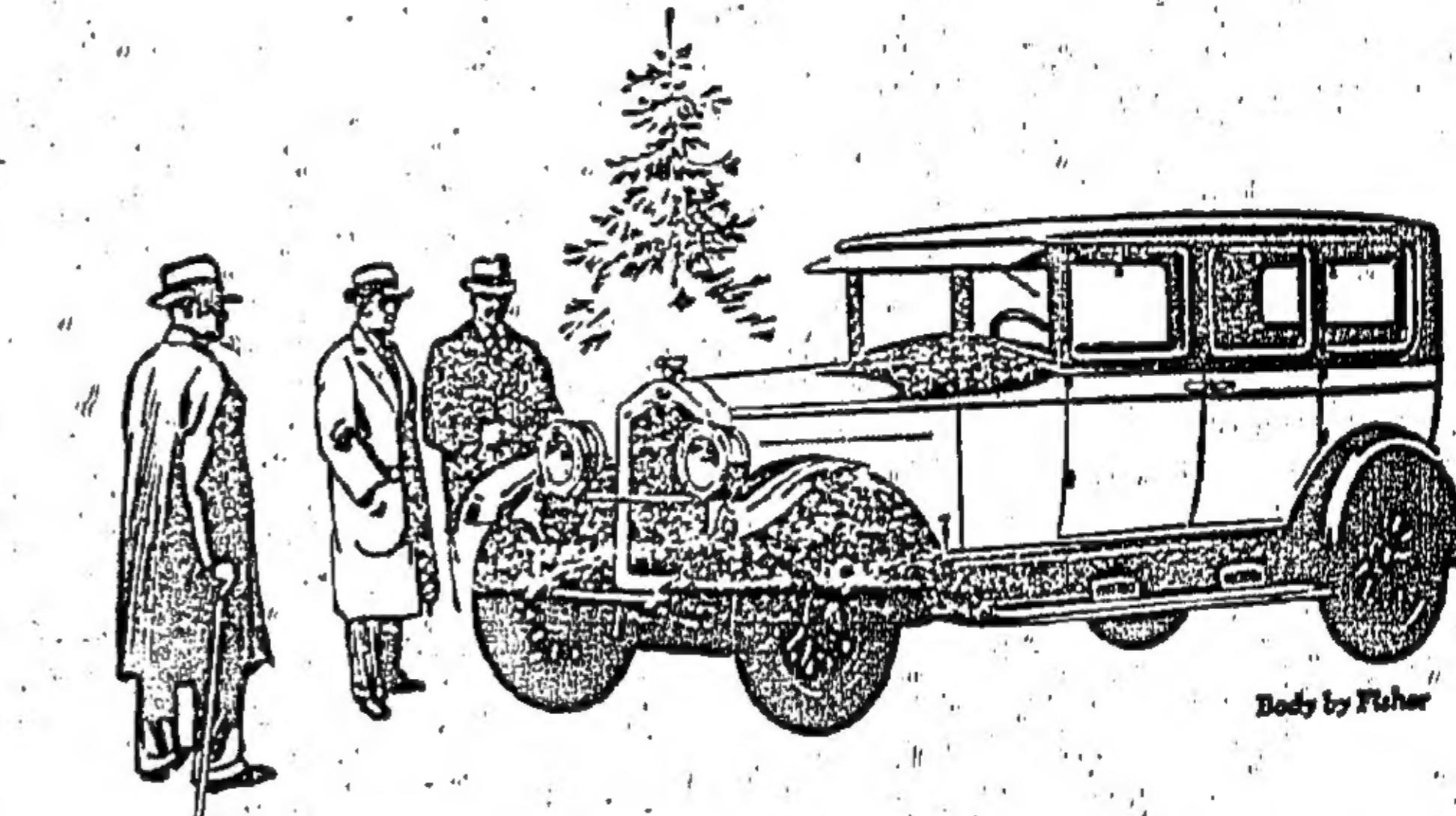
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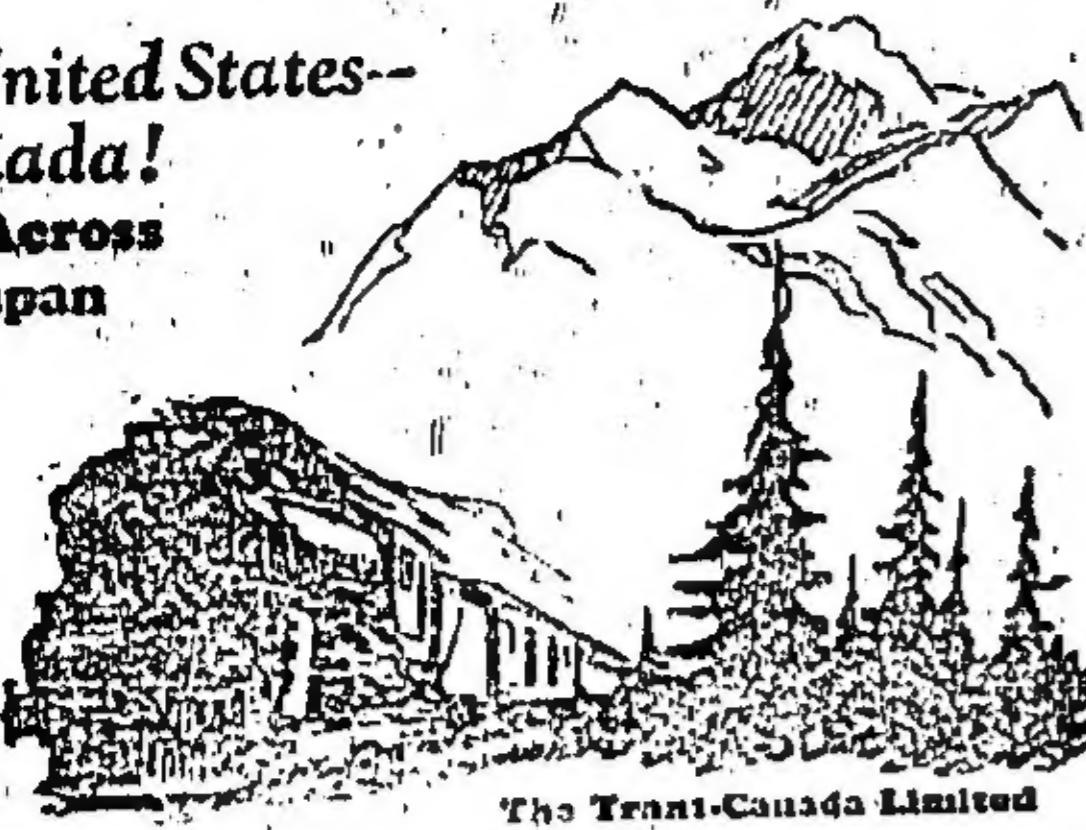
Congratulation from the King were received by Mr. and Mrs. Greynier, of 16, Harlington-villas, Hove, who recently celebrated their diamond wedding. Mr. Greynier is eighty-three, and his wife eighty-one, and they were married at Lewes Wesleyan Chapel on November 6, 1867. The event was celebrated by a family reunion, at which were present the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the old couple, representing in all thirty-one families.

Budapest, November 1.—An experiment has just been made in an institute for deaf and dumb children in Zagreb which may set science on the way to forcing the prison of the deaf. A number of children were made to "listen in" to a powerful radio while a classical opera was being broadcasted, and out of a hundred and twenty children, only four heard nothing. Most of the children, including many who had been born deaf, exhibited intense joy and excitement, uttering inarticulate sounds and moving their arms and legs in time to the music, while others who appeared to hear little or nothing while the receivers were over their ears were observed to "feel" the music when the receivers were placed on their temples in front of the ears.

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THEFT OF GAS.

MANAGER THINKS STAFF CORRUPTED.

In the course of the hearing of the case against A. A. Remedios, an ex-employee of the Hongkong & China Gas Company, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, the Manager of the Company, stated under cross-examination that a number of members of the office staff were suspected of being guilty of the practice for which Remedios was charged. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, who was representing the defendant, remarked that Mr. Blackburn chose defendant as a scapegoat for the alleged malpractices of the office staff.

Mr. F. E. Thompson the Company's accountant was recalled and Mr. D'Almada cross-examined, asking what would have happened if inaccuracies were found in an account of a consumer who was not on the staff of the Company.

Mr. Thompson replied that an amended account would be sent, and if it was paid unchallenged no further steps would be taken.

Evidence was given by Chinese employees of the Gas Company to the effect that the defective meter in Remedios' house was removed on November 18 and replaced by a new one. On November 19, the new meter was removed away and it then registered 300 cubic feet as having been consumed.

An employee of the Gas Company, who was described as a meter waterer, his duty being to put water into the meters, informed the Court that six years ago he attempted to enter Remedios' house to fill the meter with water. He was then told by the inmates that the water would be filled all right and he had never called again since that time.

A meter reader in evidence stated that since 1925 he had not been reading defendant's meter, but informed the Court that the meter book had been filled up every month.

In reply to Mr. R. A. Wadeon (for the prosecution) witness said that he was responsible for the entries in the meter book when he was examining the meters of the district covered by that book.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 11.15.

GUN-RUNNING PLOT.

LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS BY JAPANESE.

Osaka, Dec. 20.

Large scale gun-running has just been discovered at Kobe, according to Press reports. It appears that about 50,000 revolvers and ammunition had been smuggled from Germany and Belgium during the past nineteen months by fifty-four Japanese, who have now been arrested. The arms have been smuggled out to China, altogether amounting to Yen 5,000,000. Renter.

The Prize List, 1927.

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PEAK SCHOOL.

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Yesterday was gala day at the Peak School, when the pupils, their parents and interested visitors turned up in force to the number of over two hundred, to be entertained by a very pretty performance that was staged in conjunction with the ceremony of distribution of prizes at the end of the school-year. Amongst those present at this lively gathering were Lady Stuart Taylor, Mr. A. E. Wood, the Director of Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, Rev. Copley Moyle, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. A. H. Crook, Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, and many parents and friends of the School.

Before the prizes were distributed by Lady Stuart Taylor, Mr. E. Ralphs read the annual report of the Headmistress (Mrs. Stark) as follows:

Attendance.

The school year began on January 10 with 62 pupils and closed on December 22 with 63 pupils. In April there was a large exodus of children to England and America. The numbers thus decreased in the Summer Term but by Autumn the School was again well filled. The average attendance for the year is 51.

The school has been visited from time to time by Dr. Minett and the pupils, thoroughly examined. Very few reports of defects were made and with the exception of a few cases of measles in Spring the school has been quite free from illness. Owing to the measles cases we closed school three days earlier at Easter to have it painted. These three days were made up by closing school later for the summer vacation.

The Staff.

There have been no changes in the Staff save in the visiting Gymnasium Mistress. Miss Dyer went on leave and was replaced by Miss Jaque early in the year. Thanks to Miss Jaques the children now have organised games and Net Ball which they greatly enjoy.

During the year good work has been done in all Classes, and the Examination results have proved satisfactory. Fifteen children were presented for the Royal Drawing Society Examination in June, with the following results: Honours 4, Passes 8.

Regarding the Prize list, I would like to say that all the tiny children get a prize, which makes the rewards seem large in proportion to the number of pupils.

I would like to thank the Rev. Mr. Copley Moyle for so kindly helping us every Wednesday. We shall miss him and we wish him every happiness at home.

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An excellent programme of recitations and songs by the children of the School opened the proceedings. A notable feature of these was the staging of Nursery Songs, living characters in which stepped out from a huge replica of a book of Nursery Songs, and provided as it were so many effective tableaux. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Headmistress and her assistants are to be congratulated on this and other evidences of their devoted care of the children.

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The party will leave Peking in the morning of February 25, and on embarking at Chinwangtiao, the ship will leave there for Japan, where ten days will be spent visiting Beppu (famous hot springs), Kyoto, Nara, Yokohama, Kamakura, Tokyo, with an optional trip to Nikko. From thence the steamer will proceed to Honolulu, which will include a visit to the Kilaeua volcano, the next port of call being San Francisco. Stops are made at Balboa, Ancon, Panama City, Old Panama, Colon, Cristobal, Havana, New York, thence Chebbourg, and the voyage will be terminated at Southampton.

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MR. AMERY'S TOUR.

LEAVES NEW ZEALAND FOR
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London, Dec. 20.

The Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, Colonial Secretary, who is making a tour of the Dominions has left Auckland, New Zealand, for Canada. The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Coates, emphasises the

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AERIAL SPEED.

EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A
RECORD.

London, Dec. 20.

Early in the New Year a British seaplane will attempt to establish a new speed record by flying over 300 miles an hour. A supermarine Napier craft will be used over a measured course of three kilometres.

The present record is 296.4 miles an hour, and to establish a new record involved exceeding this speed by five miles an hour on the average of two flights, one with and one against the wind.

The present land aeroplane speed record of 278 miles an hour set up in 1924, was unofficially beaten by Flight Lieutenant Webster during the Schneider Trophy race, when he averaged 281.669 miles an hour over a triangular course, and set up a new 100 kilometres record of 233 miles 1,555 yards an hour.

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MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	M'les, L'don & A'werp
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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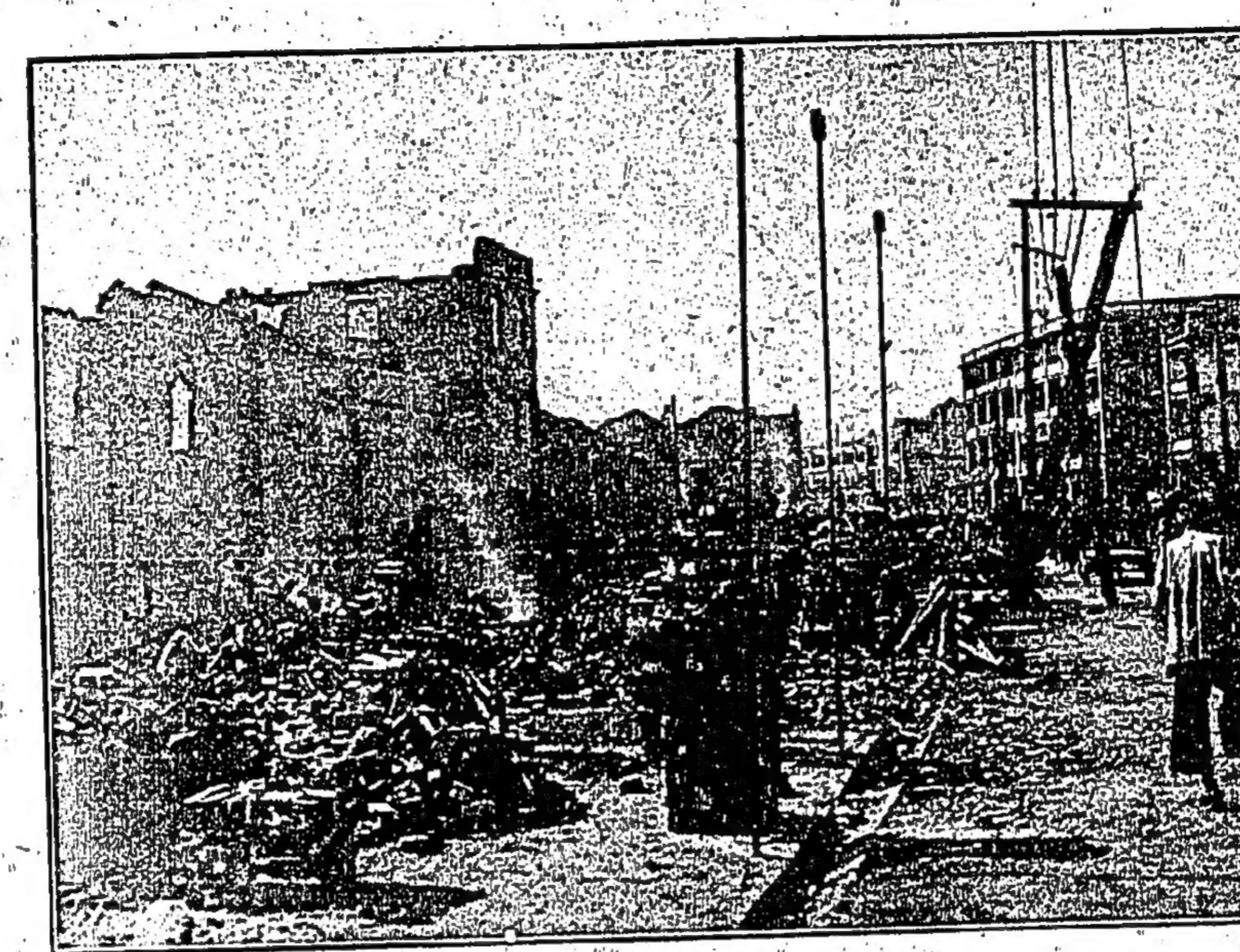
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The above two photographs give further vivid impressions of the damage caused to property during the recent reign of terror in Canton. (Photos: Mee Cheung.)

THREE NANKING CAMPAIGNS.

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into the 38th Nationalist Army of Nanking), has issued a proclamation informing the people of the province of the exact nature of the situation. He has exposed the uncompromising attitude of the two Generals and the work of havoc already wrought by the troops of the neighbouring provinces (Kweichow and Szechuan) who have invaded Yunnan at their instigation. In conclusion, General Long Yun declared in the mandate that he would fight to the death against the rebels in order to bring about the liberation of the province from this form of militarism.

The city of Yunnan-fu and its environs, as well as the railway belt between the capital and the border of Tonkin, are perfectly tranquill.

In addition to the military activities of the two dissentient Generals, small bands of robbers continue to infest different parts of the province. At Lunan, south of Yi Lung, they forced the peasants to furnish money and provisions, but were later driven back to Lo Ping by the armed peasant and village guards. The districts of Mow Ting and Kwong-tong, to the north-west of Yunnan-fu, have been equally troubled by bands of looters and have appealed for assistance from the Government.

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AFTER NEARLY 16 YEARS' SILENCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

London, Dec. 2.

One of the supposed victims among the 1,500 odd persons who were drowned when the "Titanic" sank in the North Atlantic in April, 1912, after striking an iceberg on her maiden voyage to America has reappeared, after nearly 16 years' silence.

The person in question is Mrs. E. Robertson, who has just visited her home in Coalville, Leicestershire.

Her explanation is that she cancelled her booked passage to America on the ill-fated vessel at the last moment. She says that she did war work and was captured by the Germans, but would not give any details of her later movements. Mrs. Robertson visited Coalville to see her mother, whose shock at seeing her was only mitigated by the fact that a reporter had called on her on the previous day to say that he had met her daughter.

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At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, Hon. Ngau-chai, an unlicensed hawker of Tai Kok Tsui, was charged with boarding s.s. Linan without permission, at the instance of Mr. Duncanson, second officer of that ship. Pleading guilty, the accused was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, the sentence to run consecutively to that inflicted at the Kowloon Court on a charge of assault. This case is reported elsewhere.

The Government has purchased a large quantity of silver, with a view to the minting of a new currency. Indo-Pacific.

GENERAL SITUATION.

The Strike Movement.

London, Dec. 20.

According to advices from China, the general strike which was timed to take place in Shanghai on December 19th has not taken place, and the general situation remains unchanged. The failure of the Communists to bring about the stoppage may not be altogether unconnected with the issue of a proclamation on December 15th by the Labour Department of the Kuomintang ordering all operatives then on strike to resume work forthwith and prohibiting others from going on strike under pain of punishment.

Strikes at Wuhu and Kiukiang have also been settled, but conditions have apparently not sufficiently improved at Wuhu to allow the local Commissioner of Customs to dispense with the protection of British gunboats. British Wireless.

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